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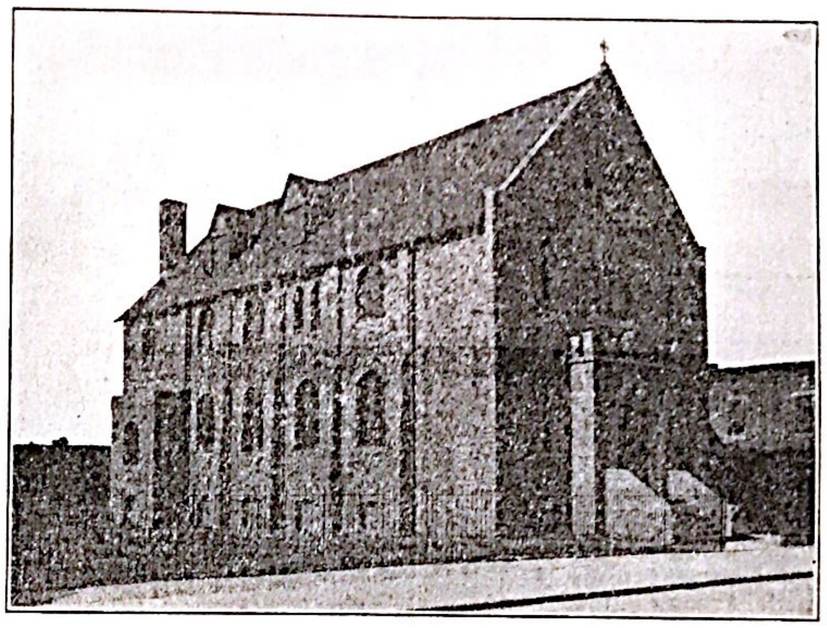
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Christmas

The word "mass" is sometimes used to mean a church festival or feast-day. In this sense it is used only in conbination with other words, hence the name Christmas, or Christ-mas. Christmas, then, is a Christian festival celebrated in memory of the birth of Jesus Christ. Christian people therefore look to it with great delight and deep joy. They decorate their church, which is the most appropriate place for celebrating Christ-mas, with evergreen, as pine, holly and laurel, shaped in figures of the cross, the circle, star and bell, all of which are symbolic of some fact in connection with the birth of our Lord. The Cross is our assurance of God's forgiveness of sin. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." (St. John 12: 32) St. Paul says that all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God, but are being justified freely by the grace of God, "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in His blood." (Rom. 3:23-25) "God commendeth His own love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (5:8) In Christ "we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph. 1:7) Our Lord Himself at His last supper with the twelve apostles "took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and He gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And He took a cup and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many unto remission of sins." (Matt. 26:26-28)

The evergreen signifies immortality of the soul of which our Lord has given us assurance both by word and deed. "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." (St. John 11: 25, 26)

The circle represents the infinity of God, who has no beginning and no end. "I am the Alpha and Omega, saith the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev. 1:8)

The star reminds us of the star which led the wise men of the east to the little town Bethlehem where our Lord was born," and they came into the house, and saw the young child with Mary his mother;and they fell down and worshipped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11)

The bell is the symbol of proclamation. On the first Christmas morning angels proclaimed to the world from above the realization of the prophecy of Isaiah which this great prophet preached to the people about seven hundred years before. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be on his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

Every Christian, indeed, may sing with our poet Longfellow:

"I heard the bells of Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Christmas brings to all people the message Love, of Life, of Peace of Hope, and of Salvation. This festival is therefore most properly and consistently celebrated in the Church where the people to whom this message is sent come together to worship, in the beauty of holiness God the giver of all good things, and to partake in common fellowship, and Holy Communion, from the Lord's Table; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto Him most hearty thanks for innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. This great festival therefore is most properly and wisely called Christmas. *How did you celebrate it?*

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On his visits to the homes of the people the Minister comes in contact with many little children, beautiful lovely and sweet. He loves them because he cannot help it. He can understand why Christ loved children dearly, and he wonders if the fathers and mothers also love them enough to bring them to Christ in Baptism. It certaintly must take a great deal of sophistry and theological hair-splitting on the part of some teachers, and a great deal of indifference on the part of some parents to keep little children from Baptism. It does not matter how our Lord's words are twisted, they are very plain. "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14) The Kingdom of God does not mean the next world only, but it means this world also, and it quite often means the Church. And little babes who are brought by mothers to Christ to-day are as acceptable to Him as they were 1900 years ago. There is not a hint in the Bible forbidding infant baptism It was practiced from the beginning as it is done to-day by the wisest and most learned of all denominations but one. Mothers and fathers, whose children are not baptized; *Will you think the matter over?*

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

No.

197, Dec. 8, Martha Marie Ristina
198, " 8, Edwina Clara Burns
199, " 30, Catherine Sutters Reese

All praise to our good friend Miss Getsinger! The Christmas Cantata arranged and produced under her skilled guidance proved to be one of the successes of the year. Half a hundred of our young people were drilled for weeks. The result was the smooth and gratifying performance which greeted the hundreds of eager listeners on Friday evening, December 27th when the cantata was given.

Surprising talent was displayed by our young children and all credit must be given to them for the admirable manner in which they carried out their parts. Praise was heard on every side and the able efforts of Miss Getsinger and the children were heartily applauded. Thanks are also due to those ladies who so kindly helped in making suitable dresses for the children. The Santa Claus by Mr. Harry Arndt was a delightful effort. Full of fun and with a cheery voice he made an ideal Santa.

Our Primary Department of the Sunday School is prospering exceedingly. Praise is due to the faithful teachers, also to the scholars among whom Mary Woodworth stands foremost as a beautiful little missionary, of this department.

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St. George's Guild have pledged themselves to contribute $3.00 to the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary. Our delegates to that noble body of women who are doing so much for us, are Mrs. Thomas McGarvey, Mrs. Alfred Abrahamson and Miss Olive Brown. In response to an appeal of the Rev. C. E. Tuke, Billings, Mont., Mrs. W. S. Laney sent in the name of the Guild a very pretty handkerchief for the fair in behalf of St. Luke's Church there.

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Want of space compels us to postpone some items of interest till the next issue.

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We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

The best resolutions are good resolutions best kept. "Vow and pay unto the Lord your God. (Ps. 76: 11.) Remember that a new year is the parting of the ways. *Fear God and Eschew Evil.*

On Monday, January 6th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany (manifestation, appear,) in commemoration of the manifestation of Christ to the world as the Son of God, especially that to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi, the wise men of the East, in His infancy.

On this evening, Monday the 6th at 8 P. M., all members of the Girls' Friendly Society (G. F. S.) and their friends are urged to be present to hear Mrs. Margaret Frentzel, a trained nurse, on the subject *What to do in Emergencies.* The girls will read their papers, if any, on the former address of Miss Perkins, so as to give Mrs. Frentzel an opportunity of correcting errors, if any, in order that the girls may have the full benefit of the valuable information given to them by Miss Perkins.

The true Christmas spirit was shown by our G. F. S. members when they presented a family in distress with a basket full of good things. On Thanksgiving Day, also, Miss Mabel Crowe was the messenger of the G. F. S. carrying their gift to the Children's Homeopathic Hospital.

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If you ever wish to trim beautifully a Christmas tree for a church come and take lessons from our Mothers. They know how. They have been at this business for many years. They walked many miles, and missed many meals, to make the Christmas tree beautiful, therefore it is exceedingly beautiful.

This body of solid faithful workers now want for our new building a Church bell which will ring out sweetly and impressively the hours of Services to this neighborhood, to inspire the faithful, wake the sleepy and urge on the tardy; a noble object, indeed. They have started a Bell Fund. Their success is assured, because they will surely win the cooperation of many friends. The boys, the boys, mind you, of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Juniors, will give *A Measuring Social* Tuesday evening Jan. 28th, for the benefit of the Bell Fund. There is a desire to get the bell for our Confirmation Day, sometime in May or June. Some even want it for Easter Day which is April 19th. We are with you heart and mind.

We hear a whispering that the Dramatic Club is getting ready again to do something. We are expectant; and we are not willing to be disappointed. This reminds us of our choir which did so well on Christmas morning. The Service was very helpful and beautiful. The decorations (thanks to the contributors and those who worked till one in the morning) cannot be excelled in good taste. Our people are indeed tasting more and more the sweetness of Church work, and like it.

St. Paul wrote to the members of the Church in Philippi which he established, whom he knew to be in hearty sympathy with him: "Many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that you are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is perdition, whose God is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." (Phil 3:18, 19) If the readers, heart is not yet hardened altogether against God and the Bible, he will never stay away from Church on Christmas Day, or any Church Service, on account of "dinner" or some such home pleasure which can be easily regulated to permit the attendance of worship. *Beware of Hardness of Heart.*

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Our Kindergarten in the Old Chapel had a great Santa Claus feast with Miss Ott and their mothers. The same evening St. George's Santa Claus Band, thanks to Miss Getsinger, came and gave our Sunday School there a beautiful Christmas Cantata. Santa Claus smiled on all.

Wanted—More good members for the choir; faithful at rehearsals and devout at service.

Wanted—Sunday School teachers

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The G. F. S. spent a most enjoyable evening, Dec. 4, in company with Miss Ellelee Tuttle, who sang beautifully, and Miss Anna Adaire, our faithful teacher, who helped to enrich the entertainment by a few recitations and some very telling jokes. There were more girls than ice cream, but all got some.

Our people should know that we have many friends ready to help us when we try to help ourselves; The people of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, have added lately to their former munificent gifts for the building fund $390. The Sunday School of St. Asaph's, Bala, is the principal contributor towards our Kindergarten in the Old Chapel. The Juniors of St. Michael's Germantown, helped to make our little girls happy on Christmas Day, and the Juniors of Calvary Germantown did the same thing for the boys. St. Asaph's, Bala, has always stood by our Main Department on Christmas. We shall mention our other friends in future issues. It is well for us to to know them.

Received from Mother's Meeting for Building Fund $20., for Bell Fund $10., from Miss Brown for improvement $5.

Our Fair, Dec. 9-14, brought about $125.

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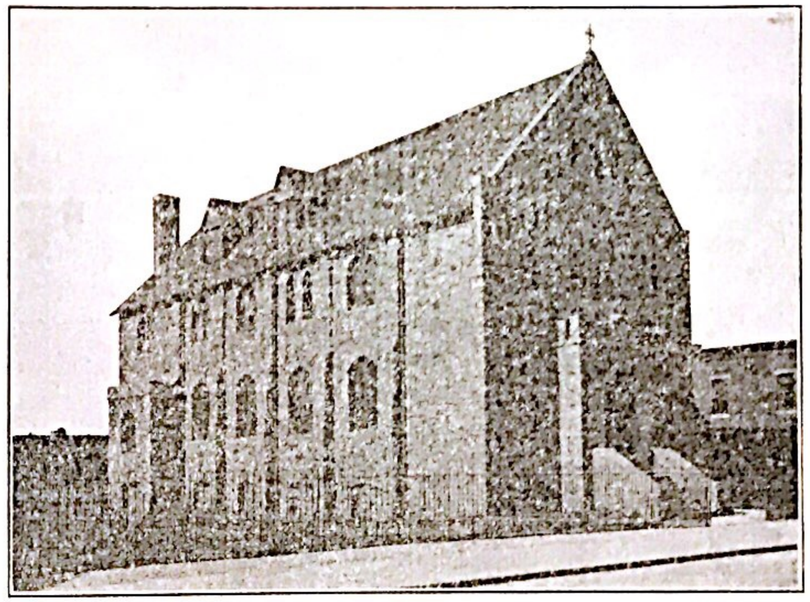
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Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter. This season of forty days has been observed from very early times in the Christian Church, in commemoration of Christ's forty days' fast in the wilderness (Mt. 4:2) and as a season of special penitence and preparation for the Easter feast. Good Church people give themselves during this season especially to acts of self-denial and serious thinking. They deny themselves of luxuries and of pleasure in order that their savings may increase their Easter Offering, and thus increase the efficiency of the Church's work for Christ. His sufferings for our sake naturally lead us to serious thinking, especially when the events of His sufferings are commemorated by the Church. How can we go out in pursuit of pleasure, or enjoy luxuries at home in Lent which is in memory of our Lord's fasting and temptation in the wilderness? All gaiety is naturally hushed at the remembrance of our Lord's Last Supper (which we commemorate on Maundy Thursday) and His agony and bloody sweat that same night in Gethsemane. And what Christian does not grow serious at the remembrance of the cross on Calvary, (which we commemorate on Good Friday?) Why did our good Lord suffer for me even unto the death of the cross? There must be something very precious in me which He so loves. It is my soul, and the soul of my neighbor. What care have I given my soul? How have I regarded my best Friend, my Redeemer by whose stripes I am healed, and by whose blood my sins are forgiven?

No, no, Christian people cannot enjoy a house party, or a festival, or the ordinary gaiety and pleasure of life in Lent. Self-examination, prayer, meditation on the love of Christ for us and the blackness of sin, strenuous effort to attend Church Services, and works of charity, these are more in harmony with our sense of propriety than the others.

The term "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday means "a command" the commandment which our Lord gave his disciples at the Last Supper, as he broke the bread, and took the cup, and gave to them, saying "This do in remembrance of me" Therefore on that evening, we shall celebrate the Holy Communion.

On Good Friday we commemorate the Crucifixion of our Lord by an appropriate Service. This day is observed by the Church of England and the Roman, Greek, Protestant Episcopal, Lutheran,

German Reformed, Moravian and many Methodist Churches.

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Confirmation

Our beloved Bishop Whitaker has advised us that he will come to admiuister the Rite of Confirmation Sunday morning May the 10th.

All who are seriously thinking of being confirmed, should attend our Services as regularly as possible as sermons will be preached on this subject from time to time.

Every effort should be made by our people to present to Bishop Whitaker a goodly class of willing candidates.

On April 1st, the people of the various churches in Richmond will begin a series of Union Services lasting for seventeen days. It will be good for all Christian people, no matter what their denomination, to come together, and by united prayer and exhortation, by the help of God, stir up the wills and hearts of the people for godliness. Let us pray that this effort may bring to each Church a large increase of membership, and that our Confirmation Class this year may exceed in number and quality those of past years. Work and prayer will bring this to pass.

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The Quarterly Meeting

An invitation is hereby extended to all the members of our congregation and friends to be present at our next Quarterly Meeting and reception of the Parish Guild Tuesday March 3rd at eight P. M. Reports for all our societies will be heard, and a brief review of the last six years' work will be given; also the financial report covering this period will be read. There will be speaking, and some items of interest will be mentioned. This will be followed by a reception and a social hour.

Make no other engagements for that evening; make it a St. George's evening, and come early.

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Those who say that they are "not good enough" for Confirmation, Church, or Holy Communion change quite readily, when they tire of this excuse, and say "I am good enough without Confirmation, Church or Holy Communion," or "I am as good as those who go to Church." Yet, our Lord who said that none is good save the Father, also said, (at the Last Supper)"Do this in remembrance of me."

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An American quarter of a dollar, with the figure of Liberty on it, is said to have looked down contemptously on a copper cent, with the head of an Indian on it, and to have said: "O, you dark skinned, feather-trimmed barbarian do you call yourself a coin?"

"Well, whatever I am," said the copper cent, I am oftener found on offertory plates in Church than you are.—Selected.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

No.

204, Feb. 2, Hugh Simpson Kerland
205, " 2 Leonard Henry Swift
206, " 2, William Harold Foster
207, " 8, Louisa Harrison Mitchell
208, " 16, Lillian Elaine Mullen
209, " 23, Max Gottlieb Herz

MARRIAGES

39, Jan. 30, { Christian J. Weining / Anna Tounge

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

104, Feb. 4, James Chatterton
105. " 9, Margaret Kampf
106, " 10, Frances Gordon

Every family should provide itself with a copy of the Prayer Book. Next to the Bible it is the hand book of our Church. When people read our Prayer Book they begin to know and appreciate our beloved Church. They know what it is like and unlike, and can afford to forego with charitable feelings the opinions of the uninformed.

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"Lord, let me not be too content,
With life in trifling service spent.
Make me aspire!
When days with petty cares are filled,
Let me with fleeting thoughts be thrilled,
Of something Higher!"

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"I borrow Joy from Sorrow—
A Rainbow from Rain!
If life were not in shadow,
My star would shine in vain!"

Easter Offering

There are no words sufficient to express in praise the devotion and loyality which our people have shown last year towards our church by their Easter Offering. It was indeed a thanksgiving offering coming from love for our dear church Now after a year's sowing and reaping, we stand again at the threshold of Easter Day, and Lent bids us to repeat our Offering this year. Our people have never before fallen short of our expectation. and though times are harder this year than last, still with our increased number of members and friends, we have faith enough in our people that they will not fail when Easter comes. Special Easter envelopes, therefore, will be given to those who are willing to do their best.

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Items of Interest

The reception of the Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was a great success. We have enjoyed the company of the boys, and certainly the feast. Look out for the next one They are a good lot of boys, even if we say so.

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The Mothers have given four house parties within the last month or so, and all were successful. The following were the hostesses : Mrs. Oechsel, Mrs. McCoach, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. McGowan.

We enjoyed immensely the birthday party of the Mothers' meeting in honor of their worthy president Mrs. James McGowan, at her home. May she live long and continue in her good work.

A Great Treat

Mr. Samuel F. Houston, of Chestnut Hill, trustee of the Pennsylvania University, and one of ihe leading men of our city, will give at the parish house, for the people of Richmond, two illustrated lectures: one on "Sicily and Delmatia" Seturday evening, March 7th, and the other "Through the Aegean Sea" on Friday evening, March 13. Mr. Houston has visited these countries in his private yacht, and the pictures he will show are original; and some are of towns and places which are never touched by by the ordinary tourist vessel. They are most interesting lectures.

On Friday evening, March 20, Mr. Fullerton L. Waldo, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain, and Secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association of Pennsylvania, will give a lecture at the parish house on the "Construction of the Panama Canal" of which he will show 150 views including some snap shots of President Roosevelt. Mr. Waldo visited the Isthmus with the first of the Congressional Committees.

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The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood have realized of their Measuring Social about $26.00 and the G. F. S. of their entertainment $27.35, clear of expenses. The G. F. S. are very grateful to the Rev. Mr. Michael for this succes.

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The Kindergarten Sewing Circle thank heartily the Misses Zebley for their donation of dishes thns enabling them to have a "Social cup of tea" after the meetings.

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Our Adult Bible Class began for the first time a few weeks ago with 14 members, and it is slowly growing. It was really started by the Mother's Meeting at the suggestion of one of their members, and now we not only have mothers in the class but also fathers. We enjoy intensely the work, and are glad to be their teacher.

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Building Fund (third story)

We need to raise $500. On hand previously reported $78. Received from Mrs. G. B. Roberts $25 Mrs. John Markoe $25; total $128.

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Bell Fund.—Previously reported $14. Received from Mrs. E. F. Paul $1., G. F. S. $5., Jr. Brotherhood of St. Andrew $15. total $35.

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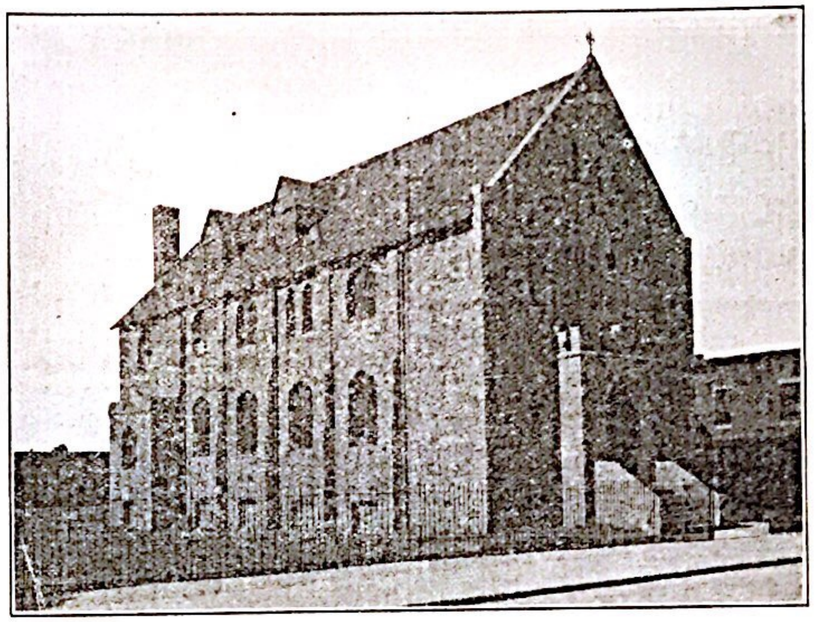
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EASTER.

"Now is Christ risen from the dead. 1 Cor. 15: 20.

"The Lord is risen indeed." St. Luke 24: 34.

With joy and gladness we receive this Gospel message. Easter brings us this message year by year amidst a cloud of witnesses whose hymns of life and love bear testimony to the immortality of the soul. "O All ye Works of the Lord, Bless ye the Lord: praise Him, and magnify Him for ever." Easter is the greatest Church Feast in Christendom, because it commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord from the dead. This is our reassurance of our own immortality, This reassurance is the life and the hope of the world. This gospel message is life, progress, salvation. It banishes despair; takes away the sting and blackness of death, and fills the heart with hope and cheer, turning affliction into deep joy.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgement, but hath passed out of death into life." (St. John 5: 24) "I am the Resurrection, and the life: He that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." (St. John 11: 25) "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." (Ps. 23: 5)

Believest thou these, O Christian?

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EASTER PRAYER

Almighty God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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LENT.

At this writing we are in the Fourth Week in Lent. No Christian is capable of enjoying fully the Easter blessing who is wilfully disregarding the meaning of Lent. No Christian can enter into the joy of the Lord who is making no effort to suffer with Him. It may be the gentleman was severe, who said: "Your Church people who are found in dancing parties and among the merry-making crowd in Lent belong to the same class who helped the mob to mock and jeer at our Lord on the Cross at Calvary." But truth is not less true though painful. History repeats itself. Our Lord is denied thrice before the cock crows Oh that we may have the grace of St. Peter to weep with him!

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Please have in mind our Wednesday evening Services at eight o'clock. In the week before Easter April 13-19, called Holy Week, because it is crowded with important events of Our Lord, we shall have Holy Communion on Thursday evening; and Evening Prayer the following Friday, at 8 o'clock.

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Confirmation Day, May 10th.

Our Bishop visits this Church once a year to administer the Rite of Confirmation in accordance with the usage of the Church from the beginning. We trust that when Bishop Whitaker comes on Sunday morning, May 10th, he will find a goodly company of Christian people, who intend to make this their home Church, ready for Confirmation All people who believe in the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the faith of the Bible as summerized in the Apostles' Creed, namely, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit the Comforter, may come to Confirmation. The Minister will be glad to talk with those who are so inclined, and will give such information as may be desired.

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Items of Interest.

The Quarterly Meeting of St. George,s Guild, held in the Parish House on Tuesday evening, March 3rd; was an inspiring gathering of members and friends. Surely, in this splendid gathering there was the manifestation of God's Spirit and influence which showed themselves in the loyality of the people to His Church.

This was also true in the reports read. Every branch of church activity was shown to be vigorous, progressive and full of enthusiasm. The Church, though not out of debt, on account of extensive improvements, has made considerable progress, and is on a fair way to success.

With the present growing activity of all our societies (as given in the Directory on page 7) full of hope and cheer, and faith in God, and the kind help of friends outside of Port Richmond continued, we shall surely go on adding to the Church of God in membership and grace.

After the reading of the reports some figures of which are given below, coffee and cake were provided by the Mothers' Meeting, and a pleasant social hour was spent in renewing friendships and in the making of new acquaintances. We are all looking forward with pleasure to the next meeting of St. George's Parish Guild to be held the first Tuesday evening in June.

The officers elected are given in the Directory.

Some figures Nov. 1901 to Mar. 1908.

Baptisms	209
Confirmations	181
Marriages	39
Deaths	106

✠ PARISH REGISTER ✠

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

209, Mar. 1, Lillian Marion Hollingsworth

MARRIAGES

40, March 24, { Joseph Wilson / Sadie Roseman

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

107. Mar. 16, Ephriam Shaw Brooks

Given to Missions to May 1908 ..... $927.92

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We are looking with pleasure toward Easter Services. Our choir under Mr. Wood is making excellent efforts in Easter music, both for the morning and evening services, to the praise and glory of God. Our Sunday School of the Old Chapel under Miss Coulter will join our Sunday School in the Parish House for a bright service at 2.30 P. M. We should like to have a goodly collection of flowers for the Altar on Easter Day, and our members are requested to loan us their flowers as they have done in the past.

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We shall have Holy Communion on Easter Day at 8 and 10.30 A. M. No Christian should neglect this opportunity of partaking of the Lord's Supper on Easter Day.

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EASTER FLOWERS

We shall have for sale in front of the Parish House a large assortment of first class Easter Flowers at very reasonable prices. The sale will open Friday noon before Easter and close the following Saturday at 3 P. M. They will be delivered to your home by our messengers after the purchase is made. We shall be glad to have your orders for any special kind of flowers. We are able to fill all orders with convenience and satisfaction to the buyer.

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The Kindergarten Sewing Circle at the Old Chapel is growing nicely. Some very beautiful little garments have been made by the mothers as well as some nice dresses. Mrs. Bauers is giving some valuable lessons which the mothers are quick to learn. An invitation is extended to the mothers of the neighborhood to come and see the splendid work.

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St. George's Dramatic Club will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Kindergarten at St. George's Chapel, Edgemont and Venango Streets Friday, April 24, at 8 P. M. Our young people are making excellent preparations for this for the special reason that the proceeds of this entertainment will go toward the work of the Venango children. The average attendance of the Kindergarten has been from 30 to 35 little ones. Much praise is due to Miss Ott their teacher. We are glad that our young people are making efforts to further the good work, and trust that they will have the co-operation and encouragement from all who love children.

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Easter Day is a great day for Baptism. The words of our Lord: "Suffer little children to come unto me, forbid them not; for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God" come to us with peculiar freshness on Easter Day. The phrase "Come unto me" is the same phrase which our Lord uses in "*Come unto me* all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." It bears the same meaning when the preacher invites the people to "Come to Christ," namely to become Christian. Baptism is the door of entrance into the Christian Church; and children are as much entitled to the name Christian as any grown person; in most cases even more. Baptism that does not mean *Christ*-ening is nothing, and may be dispensed with entirely.

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Building Fund (third story)

We need $500. On hand previously reported $128. Received from Mrs. R. Cheston $5; G. F. S. St. Paul's Chestnut Hill $8. Total $141.

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Bell Fund

Previously reported on hand $35. Received from Miss Julia W. Champion $1. Total $36.

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The most beautiful part of our Sunday School is the Cradle Roll. Every baptized baby may become a member of the Sunday School by having his or her name placed on the Cradle Roll. Each little one is provided with a little red mite box into which the baby drops a penny each Sunday, and as soon as the child can lisp the words, it is taught the following prayer: "God bless all the Missionaries, and all the little helpers, for Christ's sake, Amen." How dear must be these offerings and prayers of the little ones to Him who said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not, for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God."

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Mrs Simons, a trained nurse, is giving a series of lectures to our Girls' Friendly Society.

This Society has started a Stamp Saving Fund; and it is wonderful how much is being saved which might have been lost. The money is received every morning from 8 to 9 a. m. and Saturday afternoon.

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The Coal Fund is now open for depositors: Saturday 8 to 10 a. m. in the Parish House, and Thursday 2 to 3 p. m. at Old Chapel.

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Parents are cordially invited to visit our Infant Department, and see what their children are doing on Sunday afternoon.

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Our Rummage sale the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p. m.

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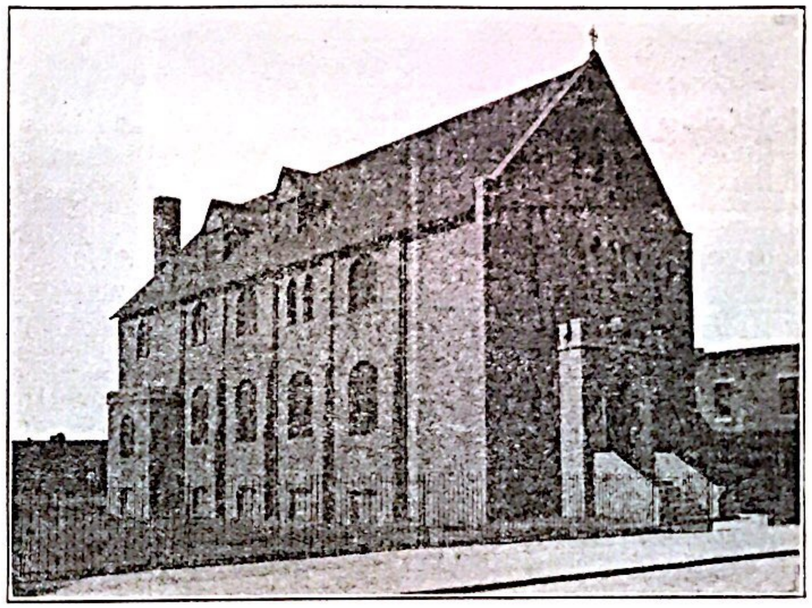
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As members and friends of our Church we have much for which to be thankful to God. There is not one department of work in St. George's which has not made remarkable progress, both in material and spiritual things. Easter Day has partly shown the fruits of faithful work and loyalty on the part of our people. Our Easter Services, two in the morning and one in the evening, were splendid in every way, and our Sunday School service in the afternoon was the largest and best we have ever had. The combined Sunday Schools of the old Chapel and the new numbered 345 present, in spite of the rain. Our Easter offering will amount to about $200, and the offering of the Sunday School for Missions will reach the sum of $75. The Mothers' meeting presented an Easter offering of $40. for the Building Fund. The young ladies of Miss Adaire's Bible Class gave $20. This is a most beautiful testimonial of the devotion and loyalty of both young and old to the Church. Nor is this all—the young men of Miss Gilmour's class came forth with a handsome gift; and so did Miss Mockett's and Miss Cowell's classes, and the little ones in the Infant Department gave $4.65. The last three gave their Easter offerings over and above their Lenten box contributions. The members of St. George's Guild besides their personal offerings have realized $15. from their Easter flower sale. This required personal service, and they gave it gladly. The other societies, both individually and collectively, are working harmoniously for the good of the Church.

But we thank God for something that is even better than these material improvements. We thank Him for the spiritual growth of our Mission; for the devotion of our Sunday School teachers to their duties; for the love and respect of the scholars for their teachers; for the good conduct of the children; for the reverence shown in Church and during services. We thank God for the services of Miss Katherine C. Coulter in charge of the Sunday School in the Old Chapel. Under her self-denying efforts the Sunday School in the Old Chapel, dear to so many people, has grown and is flourishing. We thank God also for the help of her assistants. We thank God for the great work of our Kindergarten School in the Old Chapel and for the help of our friends and the efforts of parents to make this work possible.

We also thank God for the result of two years' effort in securing the building of a fine public library and small park next to our Church, that the people of Richmond might have fine reading rooms, and a splendid lecture hall; that their little ones might see the green grass, the trees and flowers of spring and summer near their homes; that many parents may find a convenient resting place after a hard day's work; that mothers and babes may spend a pleasant afternoon hour together in the fresh air; that quiet and beauty and civilization may drive out vice and lawlessness. For all these things and many more without number, we are all very grateful to God the Giver of all good things.

But we must not forget to thank God for the most beautiful gift in our Mission, and this is our Infant Department, and above all, our dear precious Cradle Roll, a crowd of beautiful and sweetest angelic faces the human eye can look upon.

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CONFIRMATION.

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On Sunday morning, May 10, his 78th birthday, our dear Bishop Whitaker will come to this church to administer the Rite of Confirmation. We regard this one of the greatest opportunities in the life of both young and old. It is the day on which children, who have borne the name of Christ since their Baptism, and have been nurtured and trained in the teachings of Christ under the guidance of parents, sponsors and teachers, having reached the age of discretion, ratify and confirm all that was promised for them in Baptism, and declaring their willingness themselves to continue by God's help in the duties of the Christian life. It is also the day on which baptized persons, old and young, enter into closer fellowship with the Church by the "Laying on of Hands" or Confirmation, which was practiced by the Apostles in the very beginning of the Church, (see Acts 8: 14-17; 15: 5; Hebrews 6: 3) and has continued in the Church through Bishops to the present day. Ministers or deacons baptized, but Apostles and later Bishops, confirmed. It is not only beautiful in solemnity but it is spiritually helpful, and is in perfect accord with common sense. We appeal to all those who wish to make this church their home church, and have learned to love it, and wish to come in closer touch with it and its members. Come, and make this day the most memorable in your life.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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Have you ever wondered how Sunday Schools first began? They have an interesting history, going back to the First Day School founded by Bishop White in Philadelphia, in 1790, which was the

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212, " 26, Alexander Warren Miller

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foundation of the movement. In this school, and in others of the time, there were two sessions every Sunday, from 8 to 10.30 A. M. and from 4.30 to 6 P. M. Instruction was given in reading, writing, and other subjects, the Bible being used as a reader.

In 1814 the first real "Sunday School" in America was organized in Philadelphia, in the old St. John's Church, 3rd and Brown Sts.

Since that time the movement has spread, until to-day every church in the United States has its Sunday School. There are millions of members, and thousands of earnest men and women volunteer teachers are giving their time and untiring energy in forwarding God's work among the young.

If you are a member or a teacher be proud of the fact that you are part of a body which reaches all over the world, and whose self-sacrificing devotion and Christian zeal have been well said to be "Solemn as the Day of Judgment, splendid as the glory of heaven."

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Dramatic Club gave an entertainment in the old chapel, Venango St., on Friday evening, April 24th, for the benefit of the Kindergarten.

A long and varied program was much enjoyed by the large gathering of friends present. To pick out the features of a programme of such uniform quality would be invidious, but we may say that the tableaux were strikingly effective, and the sketch "A Prisoner of War" was acted in a manner almost professional. We have good histrionic talent among our young people, and we look with confidence to their continued progress and success.

Several numbers by friends of the Club agreeably filled in a well balanced program, which throughout was well received.

The best feature of the splendid effort of the Club, however, is that it was given to help the work of the Kindergarten of an average daily attendance of 35 to 40 little ones in the old chapel. Much praise, therefore, is due to the members of the St. George's Dramatic Club and their friends.

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Building Fund (third story)

We need $500. On hand previously reported $141. Women's Auxiliary, Holy Trinity, $10; Mothers' Meeting, $40. Total $191.

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On April 30th in the afternoon the Babies on our Cradle Roll with their mothers met for the present ation of their Easter Offering in their Sunday School room. We were all honored and helped by the presence and the words of Mrs. Cobb from Church of the Holy Apostles and Mrs. Farr from the Church of Savior. It was certainly a delightful meoting. The little darlings behaved beautifully and handed their offerings in the little red boxes most generously, and were very reverent in prayer. In the next issue we shall be able to announce the amount of the Babies Easter Offering. We parted to meet again next year with the understanding that every body should be one year older in Christ.

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We are proud of our choir and choir-master.

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On April 7th fourteen fine family trees were planted around our property. At this writing the buds have burst and the foliage is out, adding to the stateliness and dignity of our edifice and lawn. All the trees have been preempted at $3.50 each by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. John Totty, Mr. and Mrs. James McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McGarvey, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mc Gowan, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown, Mrs Samuel L. Gallagher, Mrs. and Miss Fergusen, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Freeborn, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Paul, Mrr. and Mrs. Elmer Sutters, the Girls' Friendly Society, Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

In case any one wishes to countermand the order we should be glad to be imformed at once to enable those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

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ATTENTION!

The Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has chosen this church for their next Conference of the North East Section, Monday, May 18, 8 p. m. It is to be a great gathering of men and boys. A combined choir of men and boys will lead in the singing. The subject for discussion will be "The Church."

1. Its definition—"Why am I a Churchman" by Stanley R. West.

2. Its presentation—"How best can I present the Church to others" by Rev. Jules Prevost.

3. Its present need—"The call to the ministry" by H. S. Paynter.

Light refreshments will be served by the Ladies of the parish after the session at 9.30.

The men of our parish and friends are cordially invited.

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We welcome into the company of our societies the new "Boys' Hard-working Club." They are certainly busy doing good. We thought to call them the Busy Sunbeams; but on second thought we reserved the name for the girls who may want to follow the boys in doing good.

The officers and members of this Club are as follows: Howard Saybold, Chairman; James Ganon, Secretary; Harry Davis, Treasurer, George Preston Wainright, Reader, Peter Ludwigson, Francis Dougherty, George Ralston; Robert Dorell, Charles Croenline.

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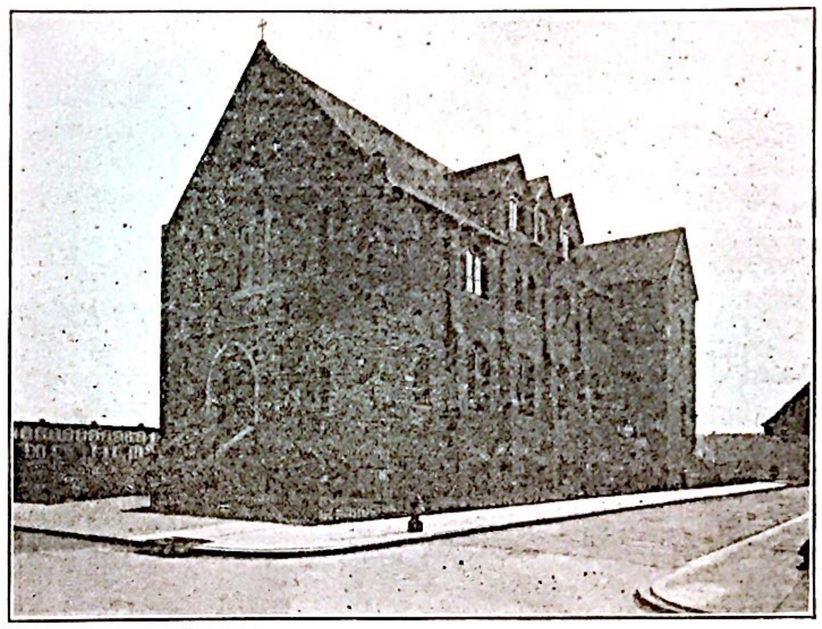
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A Memorable Day

On May the 10th, the third Sunday after Easter, in the morning our dear Bishop Whitaker, on his 78th birthday, visited this mission, and confirmed 26 persons, 13 men and 13 women ranging in age from 15 to 70 years, as follows:

George Samuel Bingham
David Boyle
Charles Edward Brown
Claude Wellington Commo
John Duer
Edmund Freeborn
Edward Frank Garrett
James Gardiner Hall
Charles Christian Seemueller
George Andrew Sutters
Elmer Joseph Sutters
William Taylor
James William Vautier
Anna May Bilger
Mary Ella Brown
Rose Maria Brown
Margaret Moore Coyle
Agnes Augusta Edstrand
Mary Elizabeth Keller
Kate McKinley
Emily McKinley
Edna Margaret Moore
Louisa Kathryn Seemueller
Letitia May Wood
Minnie Violet Wood
Elizabeth Woolsey

On this day there were more people than room in the Church. The Service was uplifting as well as beautiful. God was worshipped in the beauty of holiness. The Service of the choir was highly appreciated both by the Bishop and congregation. And the people heard Bishop Whitaker gladly.

A few days later we received from our beloved Bishop the following note in his own handwriting:

My dear Arkin:

Do not fail to read every word of my enclosed letter to your Sunday School next Sunday.

Faithfully yours
O. W. WHITAKER

This letter, also in his handwriting, is dated May 15th.

My dear St. George's Sunday School.

The beautiful roses which you gave me last Sunday to mark my 78th birthday has given Mrs. Whitaker and me a great deal of pleasure. My dear wife has been ill, and cannot go to Church. Several of our friends sent us beautiful flowers last Sunday, but the most beautiful of all were those which came from you, and Mrs. Whitaker and I have enjoyed their fragrance and loveliness all through the week. She sends her love and thanks to you, and it would give her much pleasure to see you in your new home. It was a great satisfaction to me to see the new St. George's last Sunday, and to see it so well filled, and to have the privilege of confirming so many who have given their hearts to Christ our Saviour and themselves to His service.

And now my dear Sunday School, I want to say to you what I should have said last Sunday, but for some reason it did not come into my mind until the Service was over. It is this: You have now a new and beautiful and convenient Church home in which to meet, and it is to your beloved and faithful pastor and Rector that you are indebted for it. You would never have had it but for Mr. Arkin. He did not give the money for it, for he did not have it to give. But he got it from those who had it, and gave it to him because they admired his ability and fidelity, and his earnest desire to do good. They had confidence in him and knew he could be trusted, and would be faithful to every man, and woman, and boy, and girl who would give him the opportunity of doing anything to help them. And I hope that every member of the congregation and Sunday School will be true and faithful to Mr. Arkin, and help him all they can in his great work.

Faithfully your friend and Bishop,
O. W. WHITAKER

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As true parents find joy and happiness in the prosperity and growth of their children, so does a faithful Pastor and Rector rejoice in the growth and prosperity, both material and spiritual, of his congregation. The only way of showing their appreciation of his work is to show in their lives their loyality and faithfulness to Christ, His Church, and all that it implies.

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Items of Interest

The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew have been making arrangements saving their money to go camping at North Wildwood, N. J., the first ten days in August. They are in need of more funds to make the camping a success. Any person wishing to help them carry out their plans may send his or her contribution to Master George Bingham, Treasurer corner Clementine and Salmon Sts, or to the Rector, Mr. Arkin.

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The Juniors are selling pictures of our dear Bishop Whitaker. Apply for further information to the members or their Director, Mr. J. W. McKinley.

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Hearty thanks are due to those who helped in the modest but exceedingly beautiful decorations on Confirmation Day, and especially to our Choir for the sweet and helpful music rendered.

The Choir's reception will take place on Thursday evening, June 4th.

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We are very grateful to Class No. 24 of the Church of the Saviour for the splendid entertainment and

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
213, May 23, Walter McGuckin

Package Party its members have volunteered to give us for the benefit of St. George's missionary work, Saturday evening, June 6th.

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Those wishing to take in the moon-light excursion given jointly by the neighboring churches should buy their tickets from the members of our Brotherhood, as our Church is benefited by this. The date of the Excursion is Saturday June 27th. Boat leaves Arch Street Wharf at 8 P. M. Tickets, 35 cents.

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The Mothers of St. George's Kindergarten will give a block party on Venango Street, Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th, for the benefit of the Kindergarten. We look for the results with great expectation. Good luck to you, Mothers!

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The greatest day in the history of St. George's Sunday School picnics will by God's help come on Thursday, July 30th. Every effort is made to secure plenty of room and accommadition for the people this year. The tickets to Burlington Island Park and return are 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Children wishing to earn their tickets and spending money will be awarded a free ticket for each ten tickets they sell; a 15 cent ticket for ten Children's tickets, and a thirty-five cent ticket for 10 Adults tickets. The money should be turned over to those in charge as soon as it is taken in. All transactions must be on cash basis. Further information of things to come will appear in the next issue.

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The Sectional Conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as advertised in the May issue was held in this Church May 28th. The service and singing were very helpful; the addresses on the subject "The Church" rational and impressive, and last but not least, the sociability and refreshment in the basement delicious. The meeting was a great success. Thanks to the Mothers and members of the G. F. S. who helped to make it so. We say to our guests, come again.

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The Boys' Hardworking Club gave $1.50 to have their room stained and varnished.

The busy Sunbeams have a membership of 20 girls.

The Babies Branch of the Junior Auxiliary presented an offering of $5.58.

The Mother's Meeting is planning a season of vigorous work when the cool weather comes. They have done exceedingly well, and maintained their reputation.

The Contributions of our Woman's Auxiliary this year towards general Missions was $5. We hope it will be more next year.

St. George's Guild had a sale of Decoration Day Flowers chiefly through the efforts of Mrs. Woolsey and Mrs. Abrahamson. The Guild hopes to develop a permanent flower trade at proper seasons.

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Building Fund (third story)

We need $500 On hand previously reported $191. Diocesan Committee $25, Dramatic Club $10 Missionary Guild Church of Incarnation $10, Rev. Wm. R. Turner St. Paul's, Overbrook $13, Total $249.

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We wish to thank heartily all those who have kindly sent us boxes and barrels to keep our store supplied with useful household articles, new and partly worn. And we beg them to continue to do so. We can make use of everything you can spare.

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The Parish Guild held its second quarterly meeting, June 2nd. In point of numbers it was not as successful as the first held in the month of March, but in point of matter of the reports of the various societies it showed considerable progress. Growth is the characteristic feature of St. George's Mission. And our endeaver is, with God's help, to take away every obstacle and hardship which might hinder growth. The fact that we must raise $600 over and above running expenses, to pay the part which the Mission owes on the building, and the finishing of the third story, and supporting the Old Chapel, gives some anxiety, but we have faith in God, and in the kindness of our friends, and in the faithfulness and loyalty of our congregation; these tell us to go and labor on, and God will provide the means. We believe that "No work done truly, no good word earnestly spoken, no sacrifice freely made, is ever in vain."

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R member the Lord's day to keep it holy. "Be not deceived; evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness and sin not." 1 Cor. 15: 33.

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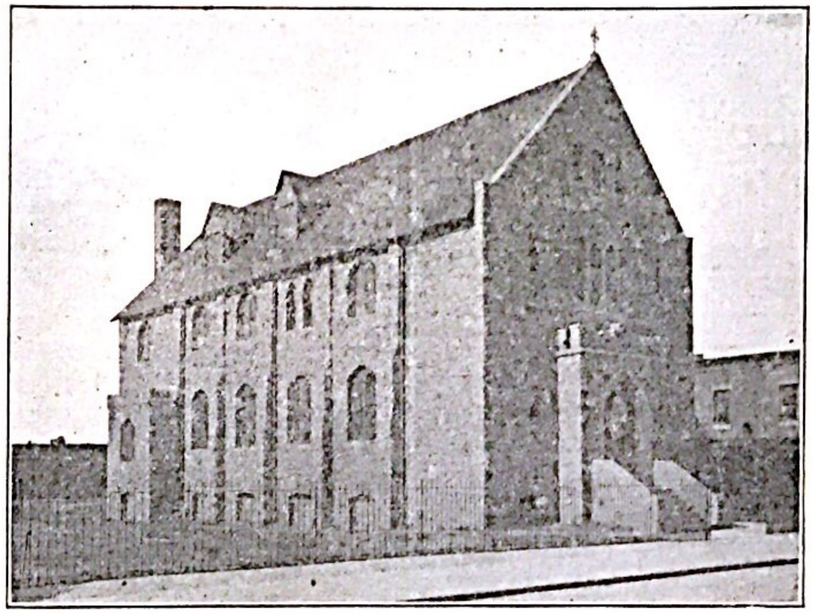
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The Two Kingdoms

Two friends met one day, and after the usual greeting and exchange of local news drifted into a more serious conversation.

Mr. Worldly,—"Say, Churchman, what is that button with the red cross on it you are wearing?"

Mr. Churchman,—"It is the Brotherhood of St. Andrew button. The object of this Church Society is to bring men into the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Worldly,—"Oh, so you belong to those fellows who walk through life with their eyes fixed on the skies, forgoing the enjoyments of this life for some future heaven, and you want all other men do the same! Why then has God, if there is a God, placed us on earth; is it not to enjoy the pleasures of it? I am not so foolish as to give up this world for one to come, a certainty for an uncertainty. Nor am I going to let Church, or Bible, or the Minister and his platitudes about Kingdom of God interfere with my pleasures."

Mr. Churchman,—"You are mistaken, Worldly, the Kingdom of God to which we are trying to bring men is not a place beyond the clouds. Listen: There are two spheres of life in this world. Let us call them for convenience *the two kingdoms*. These two kingdoms are so closely interwoven that to the superficial observer they seem one; but they are distinctly of two opposite tendencies. The one is constructive, the other is destructive. In the New Testament the former is called the Kingdom of God, the latter, the World. "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." (1 John 2: 15) In another place St. John writes to the Christians of his day: "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hateth you." Our Lord Himself said to His disciples: "If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you." (John 15: 18) So, you see, life on this earth has its two distinct spheres, or, there are two lives, that of the Kingdom of God and that of what the New Testament calls the World.

There are two forces at war with each other constantly in the human breast: the voice of God which Adam heard in Paradise, and which men hear to-day on this beautiful and rich earth, and there is also the inclination of the flesh to disobey the voice of God. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other." (St. Paul to the Galatians) This antagonism between the two is as bitter to-day as it ever was since Cain killed Abel.

So, you see, there are two kingdoms of life. Do you know the nature of the kingdom in which men of the world, not in the Kingdom of God, live? Listen: It is a kingdom in which pleasure and self-gratification is king and ruler over the hearts of men; before whose altars fathers and mothers and children prostrate themselves low in worship, and pile mountain high, and with eagerness, their best, and often all that they have, as an offering for the god of pleasure and self-gratification.

It is a kingdom in which Sunday is changed from a holy day into a holiday; in which newspapers take the precedence of the Bible; cheap novels the place of the Prayer Book and rag time music supplants the Hymnal. It is a kingdom in which dinners are prized higher than worship in the morning and jolly company more than Common Prayer in the evening. It is a kingdom in which men and women while working on week days are planning how they may misuse the Lord's day on Sunday. It is a kingdom in which God is very little thought of, if any, and His name is used only in profanity. It is a kingdom from which prayer is banished until it has become unknown. It is a kingdom where men and women study how to avoid the Minister of the Gospel, and if met unavoidably lie to him without the slightest compunction of conscience, as if one were stealing a ride on a trolley car or took a glass of water, or failed to keep his promise, or broke his baptismal vow renewed in Confirmation. It is a kingdom in which churches are empty and club houses filled, and speak-easies prosper, and gambling houses are open day and night, and houses of pleasure never complain of dull times.

It is also a kingdom in which the daily papers are filled with accounts of murder, suicide, divorce, scandal and blackmail; in which politics is rotten, and religion is a subject of ridicule even by women. It is a kingdom which fills the jails and penetentiaries, the asylums for the insane, the feeble minded, and the incurable; the sins of the parents being visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. It is a kingdom which supplies every family with a skeleton in its closet.

It is a kingdom in which parents help their children to destruction rather than deny themselves a little pleasure; in which the devil is the friendship maker and go-between, and where people are extremely sociable and companionable; and where those who cannot make one friend in ten years in the Church can make ten friends an hour in a

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
214, June 7. Ralph Bates
215, " 14, William Herbert Williams
216, " 14, Henry John Lafferty
217, " 21, William Snyder Ferguson
218, " 28, William Henry Schada

MARRIAGES

42, June 24, { Claude Wellington Commo / Edna Margaret Moore

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
111, June 23, Elizabeth Miller
112. " 28, Ferdinand Smith
113, " 29, Nathan Bewley

boat house, or a Sunday outing in country.

It is also a kingdom of heart-aching mothers and young wives, of disgraced husbands and children, of darkened homes and blasted lives, of anxiety, fear and degredation, where evil communications corrupt good manners, and where the future is nothing but death and despair.

Now, my dear Worldly, we do not believe that a kingdom like this is good for people, or for the world in which they live. It is impossible for a kingdom like that to continue permanently. Kingdoms like this have always been like unto a candle which when it burns out leaves behind some black ashes and an unpleasant odor. And so we try prayerfully to bring men into the other kingdom, the Kingdom of God. It is a kingdom in which God is supreme, and man's will is subjected to His will. It is a kingdom in which Faith, Hope and Love are the pillars on which it rests. It is a kingdom in which Christian people live in peace, wisdom and quiet joy, with clear and healthy conscience, in company with the pure and the noble, in an atmosphere that is godly, in the Holy Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and Life everlasting.

This is a kingdom in which God is King, and the Ten Commandments are diligently respected, in which the Lord's Day is scrupulously observed, kept holy, as a day of rest and quietness and devotion. It is a kingdom in which churches and Sunday Schools are filled and club houses and gambling dens and jails and penitentiaries are empty; where people find delight and joy in public worship, common prayer, and song and devotion to God; where their hearts are gladdened by the message of the Gospel, and where their souls are edified by the

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preacher's exposition of the Scriptures; where neighbors come together to greet one another in sympathy and love; where the hearts of the parents swell with joy and contentment in seeing their children grow up in godliness and purity of living, and where children have no occasion to blush with burning shame for the misdeeds of their parents, but rather look at father and mother with profound love and respect, and filial pride and devotion. It is a kingdom in which duty is held to be sacred; where self is put aside when duty calls; where the feelings of others are constantly considered. It is a kingdom in which Christ is looked up to as the pattern of life in joy as well as in sorrow; where the greatest and best and noblest characters live, move and have their being; where men and women know not the pangs of anxiety and fear, but walk calmly, serenely, carrying in their hearts the light and joy of the Christian Faith; where there is perfect freedom; and men look with complacency and in perfect safety from the Rock of Ages at the waves of the troublesome world lashing themselves into fury, and men walk like gods unhurt amidst the things of the world the flesh and the devil. They would rather be alone with God than in the merry company of the World. They would rather bear the cross with God than all the trophies of the World. If you wish really to enjoy life, and see happy days which will last, make your abode in the Kingdom of God. Avoid the Kingdom of the World."

Mr. Worldly listened attentively to every word of Mr. Churchman. But he did not reply. He went away thinking.

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Sunday School Picnic (July 30)

Final preparations have been made for our Sunday School Picnic which has become the delight of the neighborhood, for it is a great family reunion. We go to Burlington Island Park taking our babies with us. Wagons will stop at 7.30 a. m. at the Old Chapel, the Parish House, cor. Richmond and Clearfield; Almond and Allegheny; Richmond and Allegheny; Richmond and Indiana Ave., to pick up the baskets of good things for the boat. The boat leaves Allegheny Wharf at 8 a. m. and 1 p. m.; Chestnut St. Wharf at 7.50 a. m. and 12.50 p. m. The transportation company has promised plenty of accomodation. Round trip tickets 35 cents for adults, and 15 cts. for children. Any boy or girl will get one ticket free for every ten tickets sold and money turned in. Those having tickets for sale are requested to turn in their receipts as soon as possible, as we have to pay the company on the boat. Pray for fine weather.

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Stop, Look, Listen!

We have to raise $700 over and above our running expenses. The moving and fixing of the organ from the Old Chapel, and the finishing of the Third Story are chief improvements. Then we need also coal and gas and water. Our people have proved themselves capable in the past, and will do it again. Remember Easter is coming, and there are many days between in which to work and labor for God and His Church.

Attention is called also to our envelope system of regular contribution. We need means, will you not help us.

Those in arrears are kindly requested to pay up if possible.

"Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9: 6, 7.

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Kindergarten News.

On June 5th and 6th the mothers of the Kindergarten gave a Block Party on Venango St. near the Old Chapel and realized about $102. for the work of the Kindergarten. Keep up the good work, good women, and your children will prosper.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of $3.00 from the Infant Department of the Memorial Church of St. Paul, Overbrook, towards the work of our Kindergarten.

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Locals in Brief.

Much praise is due the members of our choir for the faithful performance of their duties. Let us all hope and pray for the time when the same will be said of all the members of the congregation.

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The Rev. George G. Miller will officiate in the Rector's absence during the last four Sundays in August.

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The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood will go camping the first ten days in August.

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A delightful interchange of hospitality and cordial reception took place between St. George's Guild and the Mothers' Meeting at their closing sessions of this season; and they were both very happy occasions.

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The proceeds of the entertainment given by Class No. 24. of the Church of the Saviour Sunday School will reach the sum of $23.

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Building Fund--third story

$500. needed. On hand previously reported $249.

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Bell Fund

On hand previously reported $36. Received from the Busy Sunbeams $2. Total $38.

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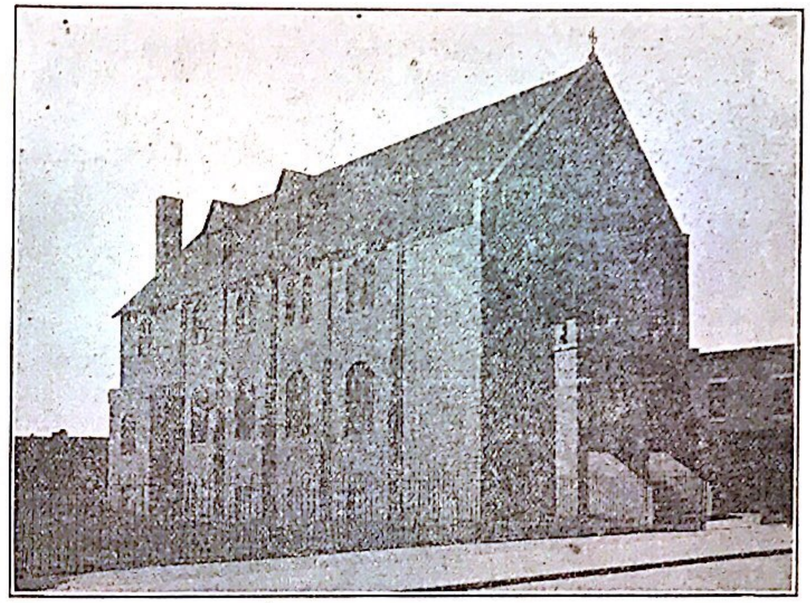
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Opportunity

God sends us opportunities. We may use them, or we may ignore them. They pass us like the days, never to return. He who makes hay while the sun shines uses God-given opportunity. Our sunny days are the days of health, of vigor, of body and mind, of ability to things; and the things we do in sunny days last us through rain and storm.

There is an opportunity which God has given us in our neighborhood. It is our dear church. St. George's is the opportunity which God has given us to do the things that are lasting. To work for St. George's, to help its growth and development, is a life's opportunity for doing things permanent and eternal both for ourselves and others. Whatever we do for the advancement of St. George's in power and influence marks our life's monument which will stand through future ages in beauty of holiness. No grave-stone however big and beautiful in the city of the dead can keep our names alive among future generations as well as St. George's, the monument of loyalty, devotion and self-denial, in the city of the living. Not a stitch of a needle, not a stroke of a hammer, not the least effort made in behalf of St. George's, be the effort physical or mental, will be lost, but the good work from the greatest to the least will be seen and felt by the generations; and the names of the contributors and workers will be written in the book of the living and be blessed both in the sight of God and man for ever and ever.

What a wonderful opportunity this is *to do things for future generations!* Surely such an opportunity is God-given. It is as free and as universal as the sun. Everybody can use it. Everybody can do something. For what good things are there that cannot be done through our dear Church and what man or women is there who cannot do some good thing through the Church? In our Father's House there are many mansions. And our diversity of gifts is a most cordial invitation to all of us. Shall we not while we have the health and the ability to do things, contribute in whatever way we can to the power and influence of St. George's which is now and ever shall be the lasting monument to all those who work therein.

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The three following Sundays of this month are the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity and the short Prayer, or Collect, for each week's daily use

are in order as follows; (taken from the Prayer Book:)

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee, and laudable service; Grant we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Almighty and everlasting God give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise make us to have that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord thy Church with thy perpetual mercy, and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our Salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Call to Action

The Visitor who with so many of us had caught the vacation fever in August, and was resting for a month, comes to remind us that September is at hand, bringing with him the Directory (on page 7) which shows the dates of meetings of our various Guilds and Societies. Each member should place this Directory where he, or she, may easily refer to it, so as not to make unknownly engagements which conflict with stated meetings. It should be kept in mind that the Society to which we belong is the workshop, as it were, where we labor for the good of the Church. No one can do the work of another in the Church. The Church loses every time a member misses a meeting. No one really intends that the Church should lose through him. The Directory therefore is very helpful, to him who does not wish that the Church should not lose through him because of other possible engagements.

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Since the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, of Holy Trinity, has kindly consented to hold a weeks Mission in our Church in October, there is work for every Society in helping to make the Mission a great success. Consult the rector.

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Our next quarterly meeting of the Parish Guild will take place the second Tuesday, September 8th This being the first meeting of the working season we shall have an election of officers, and members and friends of the Church are urgently invited to learn the work and progress of the Church and join together in a social hour and refreshment.

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Our *Busy Sunbeams* have asked

the Visitor to publish the rector's letter to them, acknowledging the receipt of their Contribution to the Bell Fund, so that each member may have a copy of the letter. Space is very precious but *the Visitor* can refuse nothing to the Busy Sunbeams, hence the following:

"My dear Bright and Busy Sunbeams!"

I received your kind little letter with the big gift of $2.00 for the Bell Fund, and I wish I could tell you how pleased I am to see the good, sweet work which you are doing. You certainly deserve the beautiful name you bear. I can see the sunbeams busily playing on the spring flowers, and the green leaves of our trees in summer on the white snow in the winter, while the sweet tones of our Church Bell are ringing their way to the homes where the little girls are, calling them to Sunday School, or like God's messengers come ringing the summons to morning and evening Prayer and worship, and then will remember the *Busy Sunbeams* who helped to get the Bell, and say God bless our *Busy Sunbeams*.

I congratulate you on your success so far. Keep together like sunbeams do, all coming from the sun, bright, and cheering, and good, and busy, and I am sure God will bless you and the work you are doing.

You have the best wishes and prayers of your loving pastor,

A. J. Arkin

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Of all the good things of a vacation no joy was greater than to see ten of our Juniors of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew enjoying a two weeks' camping on the sea shore. There has never been a happier crowd in the world.

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We are very glad to learn that a company of our little girls spent a joyous week in the country, and that some of our G. F. S. young ladies have taken advantage of the Holiday House in Cape May. We are especially gratified that a few of our women have found it possible to go on a week's outing into the country. No less is it gratifying to hear that the annual Pic-nic of the Mother's Meeting was a great success. If *the Visitor* were a mother he would have joined gladly their Society at once. The Mothers are to be congratulated.

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Our Sunday School Pic-nic, July 30th, this year has been even more successful than any of the joyful picnics of the past years. We had at least 800 people including babies. It was truly a St. George's picnic. The boat and the grounds were given over exclusively to St. George's Sunday School. We certainly made the best use of both. Thank God for such a day and so made enjoyment of life. When all the receipts are in, we shall have cleared about $35 But the best thing in the picnic is the day's happiness of the people.

As we meditate with a grateful heart to God, on the success of the

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Sunday School picnic, comes the good tidings of the equally great success of the Moonlight Excursion of August 20th. The details and financial result will appear in the next issue. Suffice it to say now that St. George's people have proved themselves capable of undertaking great things and succeed. We doubt not that the Street Carnival to follow will yield like results.

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Enough praise cannot be bestowed on the work of our Sunday School teachers who gave their time to the teaching of the Gospel to our young. We are in need of more teachers. Are there not some men and women in our congregation who would offer their services to our Sunday School as a free-will offering to God?

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The Rector's Bible Class will open again the second Sunday in this month at 2 30 p. m., if enough adults will attend the meetings.

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Work and pray for the Week's Mission to be held by Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins at St. George's in October.

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Now that the long looked for Library is being erected, our people should do their best in working for the University Extension lectures which we trust will be permanently established in Port Richmond through the efforts of St. George's.

We expect a series of most interesting lectures after the holidays. God bless St. George's Religion and Education is its motto.

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Those who were present at the morning Service of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity will never forget the beautiful sight of the sparrow which found its way into the Church, while a child was being baptized, and flew round and round the Altar during the singing of the offertory which happened to be hymn 459 which reads:

"Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy Altars, O Most High."

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We all heartily appreciate the helpful services of the Rev. George G. Miller who officiated in the absence of the Rector during the last month. St. George's extends to him a standing invitation.

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There is no better way of showing one's loyality to the church than by regular attendance at Church Services. We trust that our people will do their best in showing their loyalty to St. George's in this way.

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That St. George's is appreciated in Port Richmond is shown by the generous gift received for the Bell Fund from a friend, a member of the Methodist Church.

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The Rector hopes to speak Sunday evening on Vacation and its lessons; for vacation too has its lessons.

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Sunday School will begin in earnest the second Sunday in Sept. Our teachers and officers are requested to be present. Volunteers also are called for to join the ranks of our teachers. God bless them.

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Building Fund, third story

$500 needed. Received $249.

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The Kindergarten will open September 8th.

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On hand previously reported $38. Received from a Methodist friend $5. Total $43.

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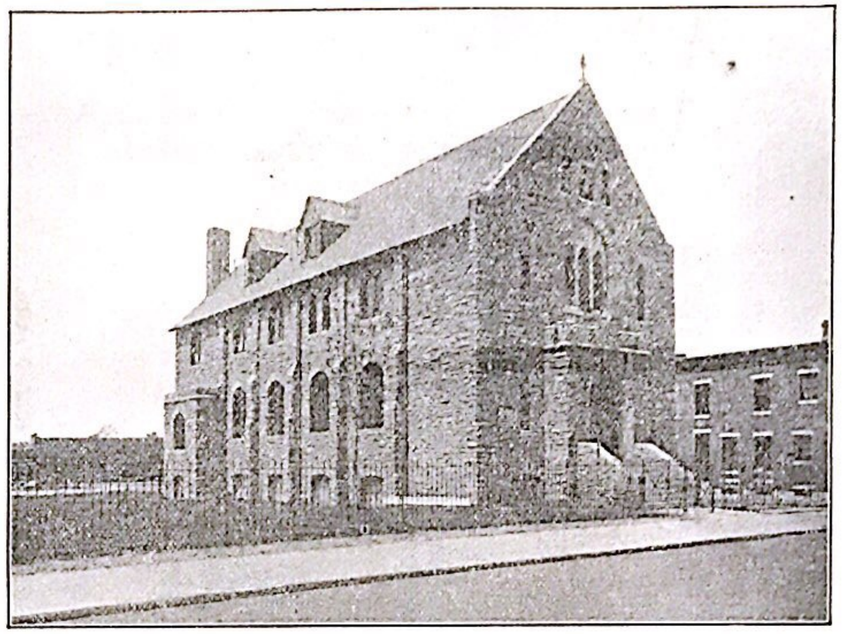
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Two Points of View

"I know," said a gentleman to his friend, "I know that the Church is the greatest institution in the world. The moral teachings from thousands of pulpits, the planting of religious and moral principles in the hearts of the young in countless Sunday Schools the strong efforts made by millions to be Christians, against strong temptations to be otherwise, whatever sympathy we have for the poor the weak, and the unfortunate as shown by the innumerable agencies of charity, helpfulness, and rescue work, I know all these spring from the teachings of Christ preserved by the Church, and handed down by the Church, from generation to generation, in spite of all the hypocrisy and other flaws that are in it. Of all this I am convinced. But, you know, Andrew, Sunday is my day of rest and recreation, and I cannot bring myself to attend Church Services as I would like to do."

Andrew, a young man, who wore the red button of his Brotherhood, listened patiently and sympathetically to his friend until he got through, and then said earnestly: "Charlie, did you say MY DAY of rest and recreation, did you say MY day? I have heard other people use the same phrase, both young and old. Sunday is MY day of rest; MY day of pleasure; MY day of promenading the streets; MY day of flirting; MY day of boating; But when I read the Scriptures I find that Sunday is called THE LORD'S DAY, that we owe to God our very breath of life and the possession of all our faculties of enjoying life; that we are here but sojourners and pilgrims and will have to answer for everything we do before the Judge of the quick and the dead. MY day Charlie? Did you say MY day? What is there in this world that is mine? that is yours? I am just coming from a funeral where the Minister read before a weeping congregation: 'We brought nothing into this world and we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.' How can you, Charlie, with these facts before you, say: 'This is MY only day of rest; MY only day of pleasure,' in the face of the Scriptures which call Sunday the LORD'S DAY?"

There was silence, and both friends parted thinking over THE TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

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Items of Interest

One of the best, if not the best Christian work in this Mission is the quiet and modest labor in

God's vineyard of Miss Coulter as Principal of our Sunday School in the Old Chapel. Under her faithful and firm management the old Chapel Sunday School has prospered beyond all expecttaion. Starting with a handful of children she can now number from 60 to 75 in attendance at this time. Praise is due also to her assistants whose names are given on the front page. The secret of this success is love of the Church and earnest devotion to our Master on the part of Miss Coulter and her helpers.

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The twenty-third Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. October 14 18. A "Convention Committee" of our Chapters have been appointed as follows: Senior: Edward Evans, Chairman, Thomas McGarvey, John McKinley, Harry Arndt.
Junior: Sidney Scull, George Bingham, Oliver Harrison.

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The net proceeds from the Moonlight Excursion, Aug. 20th, $80.51; from the Block Party, Aug 28-29; $53.17, and from the Sunday School Excursion, July 30, $44.69. When all the returns of this Excursion are in, the net income will reach $50 or more. In this connection we thank heartily our friends and neighbors who so courteously worked for the success of these entertainments, especially in the Block Party and Moonlight Excursion. In this expression of thanks I am sure all our congregation joins heartily. We all say to our friends: Come, and share with us the fruits of your labor.

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The Infant Department, true to their promise, have again contributed $25 toward the payment of the chairs they are using. They still owe $75 the balance of $137 which is the price of the chairs they now own. They are eager to make the final payment.

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St. George's Guild have presented the Church with a gift of $27. There are in good standing 17 members on the roll. Through the efforts of this Guild the vestibule was covered with linoleum costing $31.25; a dozen cottas were secured for the choir; $3 sent to Home Missions; flowers furnished to make up the beautiful corner of our lawn; some flowers also provided for the early services on the 3rd Sunday in the month. The Guild also furnishes five teachers for the Sunday School. $5 in the treasury to begin anew the work for God and His Church.

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The Boys' Hardworking Club, through their own efforts, have just given the Church $7; *the price of a ton of Coal*, as they worded it. This shows not only the loyalty and manliness of our boys, but also

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No

219, July 12, Thomas McGarvey
220. Aug. 2, John A. Johson Pilger
221, " 16, Richmond Bloomer
222, " 20, Charles Henry Hinke
223 " 23, William Henry Patterson
224, Sept. 6, Joseph Hinchman Bowen
225, " 7, Helen Lively Rees
226, " 8, Elsie Marie Strongberg
227, " 13, Lillian May Barr
228, " 20, Wilbert John Seemueller
229, " 27, Elmer David Kern

MARRIAGES

43, Sept. 23, { George E. Lamsback / Caroline W. Holmes
44, Sept. 23, { Peter C. Kampf / Jennie Harrison

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

114, July 3, Edwin Clara Burns
115, " 3, Henry Black
116, " 13, Hugh Simpson Kerland
117 " 18, William S Gannon
118, " 20, Emma Frances Pogson
119, " 28, Elizabeth Gordon
120, Aug. 22, Julia Rosella Irons
121, " 31, Charles Henry Hinke
122, " 5, Mary Patterson
123, Sept. 26, Amelia Furness
124, " 27, Elizabeth Phair

their splendid foresight. They know that winter is coming. Let us go, and learn some lessons from our boys.

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Choir Notes

The following is from our all respected and much beloved Organist, Choirmaster and Sunday School teacher, who is always faithful in everything he does.

The singing of our Choir, as well as the conduct of its members, is becoming better every Sunday. The young ladies are doing very nicely. The basses always do good work. The tenors are coming along fine. But there are still room for improvement. As to the boys, they are advancing with great strides. Their voices show marked improvement at each rehearsal. It is natural that the Choirmaster is highly pleased, especially when they sing their high notes. Come out, and hear them.

We extend a hearty invitation to all the members and friends of St. George's, not for one Sunday only, but for every Sunday in the year to come and hear our singing; for all we need now is the hearty support of the Congregation. The Choir can sing always better in a Church filled with people. An Organist also always is inspired by a good Congregation. Everybody should come, therefore, and make our worship beautiful in its holiness.--H. M. W.

To all of which we say AMEN. We cannot show our appreciation to Mr. Wood of his good work for the Church in a better way than by accepting his invltation.

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George's throughout the Second Week in November 9-14 inclusive. We consider ourselves fortunate; and it is a blessing from God, to have this godly man come to us with words of cheer and helpfulness. Dr. Tomkins is truly God's prophet and men usually feel to be nearer Christ when they hear Dr. Tomkins deliver our Lord's message, that is, preach the Gospel to them.

Nothing should be left undone to make this Mission a success. We want the cooperation of every man, woman, and child in this work of God.

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Wanted---In addition to our present force TWO TENORS to volunteer their services, and be good readers of music in Choir work. Apply to the Choirmaster.

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Grand Fair.

The Second Week in December has been chosen for our Grand Fair. We want it to be grand both in display and proceeds. Therefore, be up and doing, for the time is not far off. Great things can be done in two months. Small things done under difficulties are great. Let everyone, therefore, do according to his or her ability. Begin now. Think, plan, and do; and forget not your neighbor who can do the same. Work individually or cooperatively by societies, but work; for the Fair is coming. Our friends God bless them, I am sure, will as usual stand by us. Let us make friend while working for the Fair; and let this Fair add to the fair name of St. George's people. One thing let us not forget, whithout which nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Let us not forget to ask God's blessing upon whatever gift we are willing to contribute toward His Church for the glory of His name and the good of men.

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Prayer.

This Prayer is to be used daily and earnestly for the success of the Mission, and for God's blessing upon the efforts of the Missionary, the Rev. Dr. Tomkins:

"O Lord, bless, we humbly beseech Thee, The Mission to be held in this Church. Endow those laboring in it with the Spirit of Power and of love, and of a sound mind. Convert the impenitent; raise up the fallen; strengthen the weak; give more grace to the faithful; and may all be done after Thy will and to Thy glory; Through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN.

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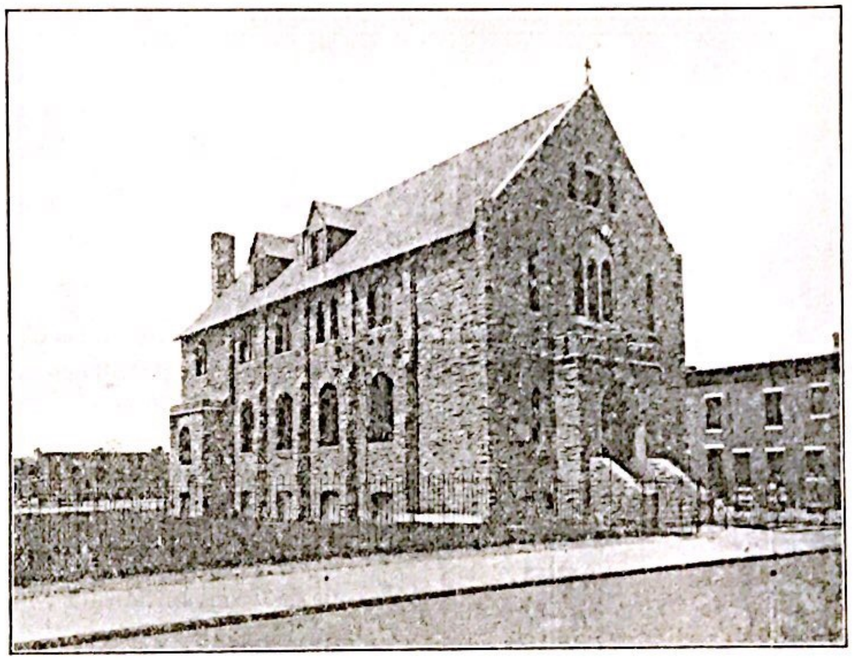
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"No other gifts, dear God, I ask,
But only sense to see
How best the precious gifts to use
Thou hast bestowed on me.

To teach little children all,
How joyous is the world;
That, in the life we live on earth
Heaven's glory is unfurled.

Give me all fears to dominate,
All holy joys to know,
To be the friend I wish to be,
To speak the truth I know

To love the pure, to seek the good,
To lift, with all my might,
All souls to dwell in harmony
In freedom's perfect light."

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Stop, Read and Think!

Our Lord, "did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a PERPETUAL MEMORY of that His precious death and sacrifice, until His coming again: For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His Disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, He took the Cup; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Question—Why, then, was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

Answer—For the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and of the benefits which we receive thereby.

Q.—What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

A.—The strenghtening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Q.—Have you come to Holy Communion which we have in this Church every Third Sunday in the month at 8 o'clock in the morning? Have you come to Holy Communion, which we have every First Sunday in the month at 10.30 A. M

How long is it since you have partaken of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him?

Stop! Do not look for excuses. Do not try to justify yourself. Do not add another sin to having left undone that which you should have done.

"Ye, (that is you Christian people of the Churches, you who profess to be Christians.) who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling."

We do not presume to come to the Lord's Table trusting in our own righteousness, but in His manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under His Table. But our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, whose property is always to have mercy; and He commands us to come; and we ought to come with a deep sense of unworthiness. and to pray to God to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

And He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths." (Isaiah 2: 5, 3; Prayer Book page 17.)

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22: 17.)

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Items of Interest

This was a glorious Christmas in St. George's. God has been good to us, and our friends showed us His goodness. St. George's has seen in this Christmas, as in the past, many manifestations of God's love. Those who have attended

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
236, Dec. 6, Florence Esther Olnhauser
237, " 13, Jennie Elizabeth Davis
238, " 30 Emma Virginia Loeser

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord".

No.
125, Dec. 3, Walter Kerr
126, " 24, Dorothy Marie Moore

our Christmas Services, and were present at the Christmas Festival of the Primary Department of our Sunday School, Saturday afternoon and at our Christmas Cantata and Sunday School Festival in the evening, and at the Kindergarten Festival in the Old Chapel, Venango, Tuesday forenoon, followed by the Sunday School Festival of the Old Chapel in the evening, those who have witnessed all these will testify to God's love as it has manifested itself in numerous ways. About 450 children have substantially felt it and their joy must have been shared by their parents.

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We are sure that our friends, who do not wish to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing, will be glad to know the good their goodness is doing, and will continue to do it, while we are endeavoring with a grateful heart and more hope to put their goodness to good account. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

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One thing which has clouded our Christmas festivities, is the sickness of our beloved organist and choirmaster, Mr. Henry Middleton Wood, who, having so faithfully and well organized, drilled and prepared our choir for Christmas morning was unable to lead them himself. We miss him not only as choirmaster and organist, but as a friend and fellow worker, as a teacher and leader in church work. We hope and pray that he will soon recover his health, and be with us again.

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We highly appreciate the visit of Mrs. George C. Thomas and her inspiring talk to our women on the afternoon of December 3rd. We are quite sure that the 35 good women who were present will act upon her suggestions; and keep also in mind the blue boxes.

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We wish there were more space to tell our readers the excellencies of the Christmas Cantata under the leadership and instruction of Miss Laura Cowell at St. George's, Indiana Avenue and Livingston Street, December 26th, and the Christmas Cantata, at Old St. George's, Venango, December 29th, under the instruction of Miss

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Katharine C. Coulter, the principal of that Sunday School. It is indeed most difficult to say which was the best. Both were well attended, and both highly appreciated by their audiences.

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It would take a newspaper column of most interesting matter to describe the beautiful and captivating exercises of our Kindergarten Christmas Festival at the Old Chapel under the instruction of Miss Ethel A. Ott, their teacher. She was kindly assisted by Miss Allen of Frankford. Everything was beautiful and to all was added the helpful presence of Mrs. Henry W. Marston and her gentlemanly boy Henry. Blessed are they who make people feel the love of God, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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Just as we are finishing the paragraph above a little boy, not yet four, comes in followed by his big-hearted father, and presents us with a tiny dainty little cross, anchor and heart bearing the Lords Prayer, all of gold, as a Christmas present from himself and his younger brother both of whom were recently baptized in St. George's. It is a token of love which we prize most highly. God is the source of love and good will.

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We are glad to announce with gratitude to our friends and patrons that the net proceeds of our Fair, Dec. 10-12, amount to $135 00. The moving pictures in the Old Chapel will bring us an income of $45, net. Those who have not yet made settlement for tickets are requested to do so as soon as possible

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The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will give a novel entertainment Friday, February 5th, at 8 P. M.

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With the beginning of the new year, please use our new envelopes for your contributions to the Church. Every communicant ought to have a set of envelopes for such use. We appreciate the help and cooperation of friends most profoundly.

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Our people will be glad to know that through the kindness of of friends of St. George's the amount of $619 to be raised as reported heretofore has been reduced to $219. Surely we should with grateful and cheerful heart and renewed vigour do our best to raise this balance.

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Bell Fund. Previously reported $56. Boys' Hardworking Club, $2.50. Total $58.50.

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We appeal to the men of our Church and those in sympathy with it to come together in the interest of the Church. The formation of a Men's Club has been suggested.

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Why not? We would like to see and talk over the matter with those willing to cooperate in the realization of this laudable movement. Men and brethren, why not become a power for good? There are hundreds who hunger for the clean, the pure, the noble. Let us give them the opportunity to satisfy it.

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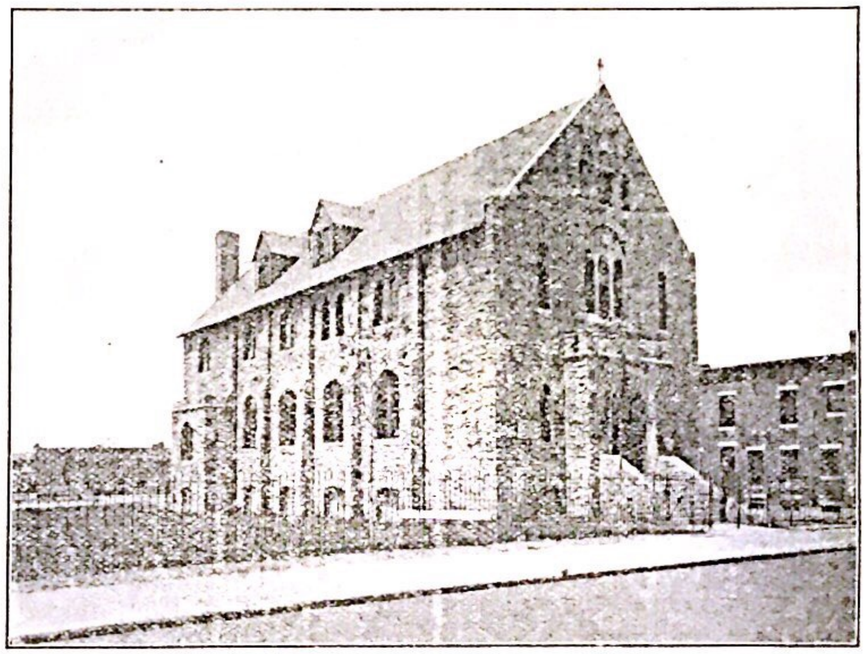
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LENT.

"I see," said a young man to his companion wearing a Brotherhood button with St. Andrew's Cross, "I see that you Episcopalians observe Lent. What is Lent?

"Lent" answered the Brotherhood man with frank face and unassuming air, "Lent is a warning something like that sign over yonder on the railroad crossing:—STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! We Episcopalians have several such signs like Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity and several other recurring yearly throughout our pilgrimage."

"But as Christian people are you not bound to think upon all that these imply every day in your life?" asked the young man.

"Oh yes, we do," answered the Brotherhood man, "and we do it the more because of these signs reminding us of our calling as Christians, just as our Fourth of July, or Washington's birthday, or Lincoln's centenary, reminds us of the value of liberty and union, though we love these all the time. These festivals intensify and keep alive this love throughout all generations, just as yonder warning:—STOP, LOOK and LISTEN, being repeated on every crossing, inculcates a habit of caution in those who heed it, and saves life."

"But what does Lent especially teach?" insisted the young man.

"Lent reminds us of the virtue of fasting, that is, of self discipline, of self denial, for Christ's sake and for everything that may quicken and stir up in us the best emotions of the heart amidst the noise and clamour of earthly desires which seek to stifle, or drug, our soul for the gratification of our lower nature. We think it meet to remind ourselves of this virtue in commemoration of our Lord's temptations in the wilderness forty days and forty nights. Then we think also Lent a fit season of preparation to greet Easter, the great Feast of the Resurrection. We greet it with a special free will offering which we have laid up by self- denial during Lent to be presented for the work of the Church which Christ has founded and of which He is the head. Lent may be spelled OPPORTUNITY, a special opportunity for those who delight in doing good."

The young man seemed deeply impressed, and as he left his companion, said feelingly "Thank you, you have taught me something that has touched my heart. I shall not forget it. I am now convinced more than ever before that those who speak lightly of the Episcopal Church have something to learn. I shall keep Lent and Easter, though I am not an Episcopalian."

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ASH--WEDNESDAY is the first day in Lent. On that evening we invite our congregation and their friends to a hearty and solemn service.

It is becoming Christian people to abstain as much as is possible from the ordinary festivities and gaities of life throughout the season of Lent. The earnest Christian finds no difficulty in welcoming such self-denial. He rejoices in the opportunity of giving outward expression to his inward feeling and his regard for his Master. He sees no consistency in celebrating Easter without also observing Lent, and he observes faithfully and appropriately both of those seasons.

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The coming Easter is a great opportunity for our congregation and friends to show how much they love the Church. Our Easter Offering should be, and we doubt not will be, the largest in the history of our Mission. We have on hand a special Easter envelope to be distributed among our people in which they may lay aside day by day during Lent something toward their offering on Easter Day for the support of this Church. We would ask the parents to teach their children to do likewise with their Lenten Boxes the contents of which are dedicated to Missions outside our own parish.

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ITEMS OF NEWS

On Saturday evening, January 23rd, at a meeting of the people in Venango held in the basement of Old St. George's, the Chapel Guild was organized. Mr. C. A. Vogt was elected president; Mr. Charles C. Barnes, Secretary; Miss Edna Bieber, Assistant Secretary; the Rev. A. J. Arkin, Treasurer, and Misses Elizabeth Buckley and Edna Bieber were appointed a Visiting Committee. The object of this Guild is to build up the congregation of St George's Chapel, Venango both religiously and socially. It is to meet every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the basement of the Chapel: the business meeting to take place the last Tuesday in the month. . On Tuesday following this meeting 5 new members were admitted, making a total membership of twenty. It is expected that the membership will double in a few weeks, judging from the activity of the members and the business like way in which they go about it. A choir has been started under the direction of Mr. Barnes. The Sunday evening services are well attended. Taking it all together the prospects for the Old St. George's to become new again, are the brightest. Go on, good people, and may the blessing of God be upon you.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No
239. Jan. 3, John William Keller
240, " 3, Lewella Keller
241, " 17, Hannah May McCracken
242, " 24, William Francis Campbell Kerland
243, " 31, Arthur Taylor Millington
244, " 31, Earl Lester Laney
245, " 31, William Jamet

The Mothers' Meeting is carrying on its activities uninterrupted. On January 9th, Mrs. Croenline gave a house party, and they say the *sauer kraut* was "something grand;" so good that the Minister asked for a prescription for its making in his own household. This was followed by another party at the home of Mrs. James McGowan, president of the Meeting, on the evening of January 21st. The striking feature there, among other features, was the "Italian Band," hastily made up. Both parties were very successful both financially and socially. Mrs Thomas Mc Donald is preparing her house 3150 Salmon Street, for a party to be given the 12th of this month; and the Mother's Helpers are making ready for a house party at the home of Mrs. William Patterson, 2640 E. Clearfield Street, on Tuesday evening the 23rd. A cordial invitation is extended to our friends and neighbors.

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We need very much an Altar in the Chancel of Old St. George's, Venango; and we appeal to such parishes who may have one to spare.

We need also very much a piano for our daily Kindergarten in Venango Chapel. Singing is a great feature in Kindergarten work Any kind of a piano will do We have 52 children in our Kindergarten class; and we shall be glad to hear from our friends as to the best way we may get the piano for them.

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It is with deep regret that we announce the resignation of our beloved organist and choir-master, Mr. Henry Middleton Wood, on account of illness. He has been a most efficient worker in his position and we all pray for his speedy recovery.

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We remind our Sunday School teachers that their monthly meeting comes on the second Tuesday evening, the 9th of this month, at 8 o'clock.

We have found these meetings very helpful and enjoyable; and we expect all teachers to be present. We would especially like to see Misses Mary McGowan & Margaret Sutters who we are told have distinguished themselves as teachers in the Primary Department. We would like to have them tell us how they do it. You cannot hide your light under a bushel, our Lord says.

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The Dramatic Club held its annual meeting January 5th, with an election of officers. See Directory.

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A recent contest is raising money for the Church between two boys, members of the Hardworking Club, was carried out admirably. George Woodworth raised $8., and Charles Croenline $8.06. Their earnestness and zeal for the Church being equally praiseworthy, each received the well merited award of the prize,a silver watch. "What time is it, boys."

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While the boys are showing signs of strenuous activity for the Church, the girls, The Busy Sunbeams, not less strenuous are doing beautiful things. They are busy sewing for the Kitchengarten girls, youger than themselves; and have given them a box of splints, and a dozen irons with stands. The Kitchengarten now has 12 members and had their first social Jan. 15th.

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A Confirmation Class of boys and girls has just been opened. It meets every Wednesday at 7 P. M. At 8 o'clock we will all go up to Evening Prayer after which we return to the class room to close the lesson of the evening on Confirmation. To this weekly Evening Prayer the congregation is urgently invited, especially those who think of being confirmed.

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We hereby make a strong appeal to our congregation and friends for FOUR TEACHERS who would help Friday evenings, 7 to 9 o'clock, among the Busy Sunbeams Only sound reasons for declining are accepted.

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We wish to express hereby our appreciation to Mr Rhead, a member of our choir, especially in the lesson in vocal culture which he is giving our choir boys every Wednesday at 7 P. M. We are sure the parents of these boys appreciate the kindness of Mr. Rhead.

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The University Extension Lectures this month come on Fridays, the 12th and the 26th, 8 P. M. The last two were eminently successful. In spite of the bad weather there were 175 present. The pictures are most beautiful, the lectures very interesting, *especially the free discussion* which follows. Seats are becoming scarcer every lecture.

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What a beautiful thing it would be to get a Church Bell, a good one, for St. George's, Richmond! Our Bell Fund previously reported $58.50. Received from a beautiful baby boy, $1 00, Total, $59 50. This sum seems small, but precious in the sight of God; and whenever we shall get the bell, it will ring the more sweetly the glory of God because of the mingled offerings of boys, and girls, and poor widows, and kind friends.

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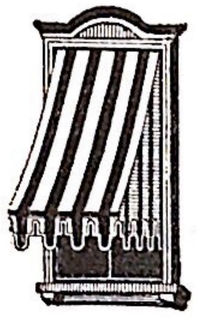
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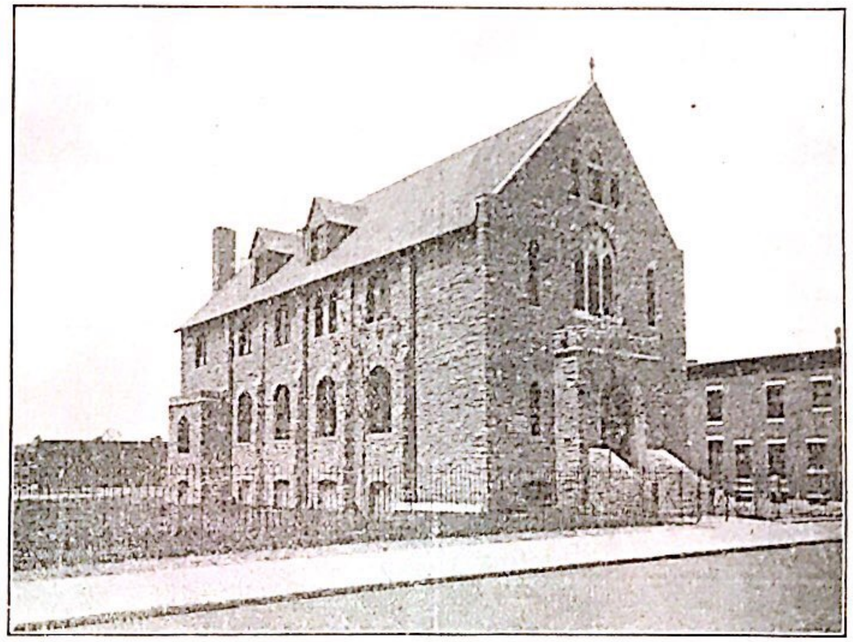
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Corporate Communion, Servers' Guild, 7 A. M.
Night Service, 7.45.
3. Monday . . . . . S. Ambrose Guild. Business Meeting, 8 P. M.
4. Tuesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, E. Shields.
S. Veronica Guild, 2.30 P. M.
5. Wednesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 9 A. M.
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P. M. Confirmation Class, 8.15.
6. Thursday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, J. Shields.
7. Friday . . . . . Woman's Auxiliary, 2.30 P. M. Girls' Confirmation Class, 4 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal, 7.45 P. M.
8. Saturday . . . . . S. Mary's Guild, 2 P. M. Service, 4 P. M.
9. **Sunday** (*4th in Lent*) . . Holy Communion, 7 and 8 A. M. Servers, Collinson, Street.
Corporate Communion, S. Agnes' Guild, 7 A. M.
Night Service, 7.45.
10. Monday . . . . . S. Agnes' Guild, 8 P. M. Business Meeting.
Young Men's Club, 7.30 P. M.
11. Tuesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, Fertig.
S. Veronica Guild, 2.30 P. M. Service, 4.30 P. M.
S. S. Teachers' Meeting, 7.45 P. M.
12. Wednesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 9 A.M.
Mothers' Meeting, 7.30 P.M. Confirmation, 7.45 P.M.
13. Thursday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, J. Shields.
Junior Brotherhood S. Andrew, 7.30 P. M.
14. Friday . . . . . Woman's Auxiliary, 2.30 P. M.
Girls' Communicant Class, 4 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal, 7.45 P. M.
Brotherhood S. Andrew, 8 P. M.
15. Saturday . . . . . S. Mary's Guild, 2 P. M. Service, 4 P. M.
16. **Sunday** (*5th in Lent*) . . . Holy Communion, 7, 8 and 10.30 A. M. Servers, Barrett, Collinson, Goell.
Corporate Communion, Brotherhood S. Andrew.
S. Veronica Guild.
17. Monday . . . . . Young Men's Club, 7.30 P. M.
18. Tuesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, Fertig.
S. Veronica Guild, 2.30 P. M.
19. Wednesday . . . . . Holy Communion, 9 A. M.
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20. Thursday . . . . . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, J. Shields.
21. Friday . . . . . Woman's Auxiliary, 2.30 P. M.
Girls' Communicant Class, 4 P. M.
Choir Rehearsal, 7.45 P. M.
22. Saturday . . . . . S. Mary's Guild, 2 P. M. Service, 4 P. M.
23. **Sunday** (*Next before Easter*) Holy Communion, 7, 8 and 10.30 A. M. Servers, Street, Hawthorne, J. H. Merrick.
Corporate Communion, S. Anna's Guild, 7 A. M.
Night Service, 7.45.
24. **Monday before Easter** . . Holy Communion, 9 A. M.
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(*Annunciation, B. V. M.*)
26. **Wednesday before Easter** Holy Communion, 9 A. M.
Service of Preparation for Easter. Communion, 7.30 P. M.
27. **Thursday before Easter** . Holy Communion, 7 A. M. Server, J. V. Merrick, Jr.
28. **Good Friday** . . . . . Services, 10.30 A. M., 12 M., 5 P. M.
29. **Easter Even** . . . . . Services, 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.
30. **Easter Day** . . . . . Holy Communion, 6,7, 8 and 10.30 A. M. Servers, J. V. Merrick, Jr., Barrett, Hawthorne, J. H. Merrick and Goell.
Carol Service, 4 P. M.; Evening Prayer, 7.45.
31. **Monday in Easter Week** . Holy Communion, 9 A. M. Server, J. V. Merrick, Jr
Donations for Hospital.
Election of Vestrymen, 5–6 P. M.

The Rector's Letter.

DEAR FRIENDS—The Holy Season of Lent is rapidly gliding by. We have reached its middle, and what have we to show that we have profitably improved its opportunity? It is a season of special grace; a time in which to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. In the natural world, seed-time and harvest occur at fixed times, and the husbandman does not look for fruit at planting time, nor when he plants for results, until the seed has time to germinate, grow and mature. Apply this to our spiritual life. God implants His grace in our hearts, and looks for the fruits of that grace, not at once, but He looks for the signs of growth. We may have not been as diligent as we should, in the use of this holy season, in efforts to redeem misspent grace. There is yet opportunity to "redeem the time." Soon the Cross of Jesus will come more vividly before our eyes, and, with God's help, we shall more truly realize the awfulness of sin, and the dread sacrifice which it cost. Let us not suffer this blessed opportunity to pass without at least one great effort made to realize God's great love, and Jesus' boundless compassion The world would have us pass lightly by the sorrow which He bore that its pleasures might not be interfered with. Yes, the world would cry "Peace, Peace, when there is no Peace." It would say, why strive; why struggle; in the end you will lose.

How can there be otherwise than a strife, if we are trying to do right? The fact is, we are too well satisfied with our own condition; to think we do enough of what is right, when every single feeling is enmity with God. We are lulled to a calm repose by Him who is striving to gain us for Himself. Oh, do not trust that false and fatal security; burst the fetters of this prison, and ask yourself what your condition really is; ask yourself, although there be no conflict, *ought* there not to be one? See the way in which you indulge your temper, and see how God charges you to restrain it, and then say, ought there not to be a conflict? See the way in which you indulge avarice, ambition, coveteousness; see how God has forbidden it, then say, ought there not to be a conflict? See the degree in which you are given to the world, in which you neglect your religious duties, your attendance upon Divine service, your communions; see what God expects of you here; and tell me, ought there not to be a conflict? Some, however, do feel this strife going on, who do cry out, "That which I do I allow not; for what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I." Fight on, fear not; the harder the battle, the surer the victory; the more terrible the contest, the more sure the help.

There are many reasons why Christians get so little control over their sins and passions. Have you ever stopped to consider the cause? Perhaps you are too much taken up with the concerns and cares of this world, and therefore you do not succeed in conquering sin more. Remember S. Paul says, "No man that warreth doth entangle himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." May be, you pray perhaps in secret too little. We need much sharpening of our weapons for this warfare. If we spent more time

in conversing with God, we should oftener wear the palm of victory. Think of the whole nights in prayer which Jesus spent. Oh, the depths of that secret struggle! Thank God, you are allowed to suffer with Him; thank God that Christ has passed that strife before you; that He can tell and know your sufferings; that if you are His in the garden agony, His you shall be on the cross, His at the broken sepulchre, His on the Mount of Ascension, His when the throne is set for judgment, His in suffering, His in glory, His in life, in death, in all things. Pour forth, then, without a doubting thought, into His ear of pity, "By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, Good Lord deliver me."

Faithfully,

R. E. DENNISON.

PARISH AND NEWS NOTES.

On Wednesday, March 12, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Coleman, Bishop of Delaware, at the request of the Bishop of the Diocese, will adminster Confirmation in this Parish.

The service will be at 7.45 o'clock, the Confirmation candidates assembling in the S. Agnes' Guild room, at 7.30, promptly.

Evening Prayer will be said on that day at 5 o'clock.

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On Thursday evening, March 20, the choir will sing in the Church at 8 o'clock, "The Last Night at Bethany." The words are by Mr. Joseph Bennett, the music by C. Lee Williams. A collection will be taken for the Choir Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Mackay-Smith, elected Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese by the Special Convention held in February, has signified his acceptance of the election; and it is expected the Consecration will take place in Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, on the feast of SS. Philip and James (May 1).

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For the quarter ended February 23, the Superintendent of the Sunday-school, reports forty-two scholars from the Main School classes on the Honor Roll. Of these, twenty-one have highest honors—perfect attendance, and no demerit marks of any kind. In the second class, there are seven whose attendance has been perfect, but *one* demerit mark stands against them The third class comprises fourteen names, having either one absent mark or two demerits. Lack of space prevents publishing names.

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The Communion music on Easter Day, at the 10.30 a. m. service, will be Gounod's "S. Cecilia;" and the anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb," from the "Messiah." (Handel.)

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Continuing the Sunday night service through Easter Day, allows the making of the 4 o'clock service, an exclusively "Carol Service." A goodly selection of carols has been made, and the practicing begins on Sunday afternoon, March 9, at close of lessons.

At the Carol Service, Easter, owing to the large number of Sunday-school attendants, the entire upper part of the Church, and three seats below the cross-aisles, will be reserved for the school.

The privileges of S. Ambrose Guild are open to young men and boys, between the ages of sixteen and twenty years. Any baptized male attendant in the Parish, of this age is eligible to membership. There is no limit to the time he may continue in the Guild. A well-equipped Gymnasium, reading matter and cozy room and games provide pleasant and helpful recreation and associations. The expenses—in way of admission, dues and occasional assessments—are light. Full information can be had from the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Lamb; the Warden, Mr. S. A. Hawthorne; the Secretary, Mr. Linwood Fawley, or any of the members.

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On Thursday evening, February 27, Mr. Joseph E. De Cray, President of the Junior Brotherhood of S. Andrew in this Diocese, made a stirring address to the boys of our own probationary chapter. Arrangements have been completed for taking out the Charter, and making our Chapter a regular one, on March 13—after four months' probation. The boys are deeply interested.

Chime Ringers.

March 9—a. m., Barrett and Mainwaring; p. m., Bartley and Fawley.

March 16—a. m., Stirling and Stroud; p. m., Barrett and Fawley.

March 23—a. m., Bartley and Mainwaring; p. m., Stirling and Barrett.

March 30—a. m., Stroud and Leewright; p. m., Mainwaring and Bartley.

April 6—Fawley and Stroud; p. m., Mainwaring and Stirling.

Services on Easter Day.

6.00 A. M. Holy Communion.
7.00 " Holy Communion.
8.00 " Holy Communion.
9.00 " Morning Prayer.
10.30 " Holy Communion (Choral).
3.15 P. M. Assembling of Sunday School.
4.00 " Children's Choral Service and Lenten Offering Presentation.
7.45 " Evening Prayer and Sermon.

On Easter Monday.

9.30 A. M. Holy Communion.

Parish Donotion Day for S. Timothy's Hospital. Gifts will be received during the day in S. Agnes Guild room. Small gifts acceptable. Let everyone make a donation.

5 to 6 P. M. Annual election of four Vestrymen, to serve for three years.

The retiring members are renominated, as follows:

Messrs. J. Vaughan Merrick, Wm. H. Merrick, Wm. P. Stroud, J. Vaughan Merrick, Jr.

The Woman's Auxiliary.

Assistance is greatly needed in the *sewing* department of this work. Two meetings have been missed on account of the stormy weather, consequently the work has fallen somewhat behind.

Will not some of our women apply to the Warden, Mrs. Dennison, for garments which can be taken home and made up? The boxes must be sent off soon after Easter, so it will be readily seen how great is the need of additional help.

And further, the funds for the work are *very low*. Contributions of money are sorely needed; and which may be made through use of the Auxiliary envelopes, which will be furnished by the Warden on application. Small amounts will be gladly received. Apply at once: the need is urgent: the cause is Missions.

Are You Helping?

Remarks which have been made in late issues of the magazine respecting the duty of giving, have resulted in some increase in the number of those who take envelopes; but while this is encouraging, it is evident that our people, or at least many of them do not appreciate the obligation which rests upon all Christian people to contribute to God's service some proportionate part of their gains.

This obligation may be considered in different aspects. (1) Primarily and most important of all, no worship is complete if it does not include some evidence of self-sacrifice. We all know that from the most ancient times and in all nations worship is testified by gifts. The earliest account of it in the Bible is the offering by the two sons of Adam, Cain and Abel. That the offering of the two brothers was not equally acceptable to God was undoubtedly because in one it was not offered in the right spirit. Nevertheless, the offering was the external evidence of worship. This worship by or through offerings is a distinct characteristic of the Hebrew religion directed by Almighty God, Himself. That it is a prompting of Universal humanity to testify its dependence upon or gratitude to God (or to such gods or deities as it recognized), is clear from all history. The same prompting is shown when earthly rulers are approached by their inferiors, always gifts are presented when homage is offered.

(2) But beside all this, an obligation rests upon all of us, as Christians, to further the great object of the Christian Church, viz, to extend the knowledge of the gospel to all people. Obviously this object is first served by maintaining our houses of worship and our clergy, for these are the centres from which the influence of religion must radiate in the social circle. The Jews were directed by God to do this by the system of tithes and "first fruit" offerings. One-tenth of their substance was to be devoted to the support of the priesthood, and beside this they were obliged to present offerings of various kinds on different occasions. Even before the founding of the Jewish Church, Abram offered a tithe to Melchisedek, King of Salem. The obligation therefore was not a part of Jewish ceremonial law, but the human acknowledgment of a universal obligation. Various texts might be quoted to show that our Blessed Lord meant to substitute for a rigorous rule, the free-will gift expressing the love of His disciples and their desire to partake of the work of His Church.

Lastly, let us recognize the value to ourselves of the willing spirit which makes us co-workers with Him. He who loves much gives much for the object of his love. Men, women and children are alike required to do something, to give something, to Him, for His work, be it much or little as their means permit, it must be *set apart,* not given out of what may be left after their own needs or desires are satisfied.

Now, if we will apply these conditions to the work of our Parish Church, and to the work of missions, near and far, we must feel that as a congregation we are not coming up to our duty, and that by that neglect we are seriously hindering

if not endangering the Church's work. If our seats were rented or appropriated to a few, so that the church building could be looked upon as a sort of club, the duty of supporting it and its priests and service would belong to those who occupied it. But this is not the case. There is no distinction of persons within its walls. All are free to come and worship, and are entitled to its ministrations in sickness or at the deathbed, in all its privileges of worship, its sacraments and its preaching. To maintain it, demands the united effort of all who worship, whether habitually or occasionally; and this effort must be voluntary, not enforced, and according to the way that God has blessed our efforts in our daily work.

It is true that a large sum is needed to keep up its standards, but it is the multitude of little rills flowing into it which make up the mighty river. So it is with church finance. If all give as they are able, and from the conscience, the treasury of God would be filled and overflowing.

We urge then, such an effort in this Parish. God has blessed us hitherto through many changes and chances. He blesses us now with abundant and well-paid work in the majority of cases. If some of those who have borne the burden with us in times past have been taken away, and are no longer bearing their part in parish support, there are others who have come and are coming to take their places in the ranks. Especially may it be hoped that our *young men,* who are to carry on the work after their elders are gone, will seriously consider these things; and by more liberal offerings recognize their responsibility. It is not a healthy sign when appeals must constantly be made to supply "deficits." There should be no deficit, and there will not be, even for purposes outside our parochial limits, if *each* one will ask himself or herself, "how much can I give each Sunday to the offertory?" "How much can I set aside for missions or other outside objects each month?"

Holy Week.

Daily Celebrations until Good Friday—Monday and Wednesday at 9 o'clock; Tuesday and Thursday 7 o'clock.

Wednesday, 5 p. m., Litany and Penitential Office; and at 7.30, Evening Prayer, with an address, and devotions in preparation for Easter Communion.

The Good Friday Services will be Morning Prayer and Litany, the reading of Epistle and Gospel, and Sermon at 10.30 o'clock. At that Service an offering will be taken as usual, for Church work among the Jews.

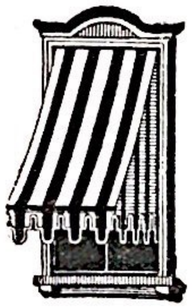
From 12 to 3 o'clock, Meditations on the Seven Last Words, by the Rev. C. Frederick Brookins, Curate of S. Mark's Church.

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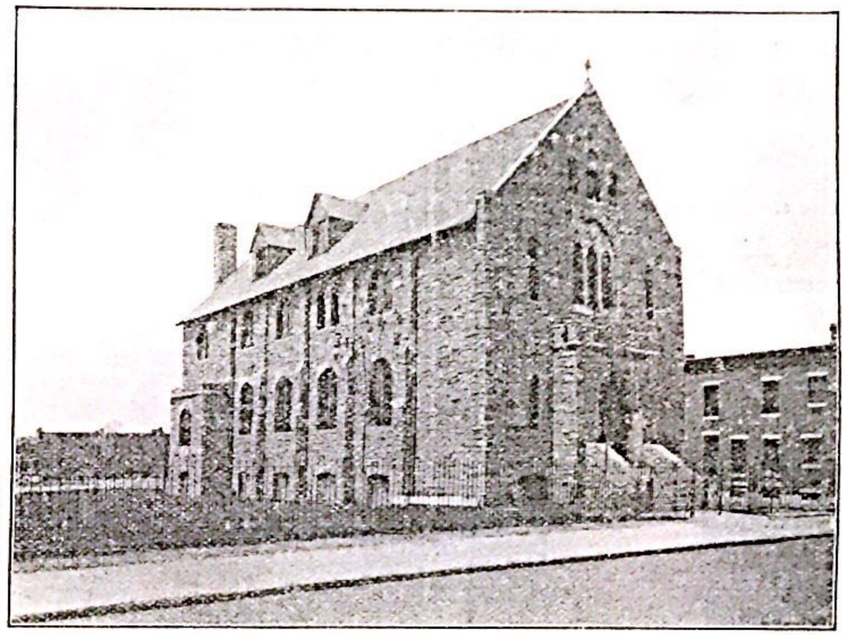
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This cry of triumphant gladness was first heard in the neighborhood of Jerusalem nineteen centuries ago. It broke forth on a Sunday morning from the lips of men and of angels. It was the Message of Life and of Cheer, the Easter message, addressed to a dying world. It was like the sun in his power suddenly breaking through the dark clouds and filling the drooping landscape with glorious light, and joy, and song; the whole creation smiling through tears. Since then this cry of triumphant gladness, this Easter message, has been heard round the world and wheresoever and whensoever it has come it has brought healing in its wings. All who hear it are quickened in hope, and faith, and love. It takes away all fear, and brings peace. It makes joy twice joyful, and drives away sorrow. Grief and despair flee Before it as the shades of night before the morning. And a voice is heard, saying: "Christ is risen from the dead: and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (I Cor. 15: 20.) Then multitudes lift up their voices in unwearied strains:

Sing, with all the sons of glory,
  Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
  To the "former days" belong.

Even now the dawn is breaking,
  Soon the night of time shall cease,
And in God's own likeness waking,
  Man shall know eternal peace.
(Hymn 124)

Dear friend, *St. George's Visitor*, humbly bowing, brings you the message, the Easter message of hope, of peace, of deep joy. Are you prosperous; are you in good health; has no misfortune darkened your home; is your joy unbroken; then hear the message: *He is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed!*

Have you met with adversity; is your spirit drooping, have you felt the keen edge of want, or disappointment; have you suffered wrong through misunderstanding, or slander, or gossip, have you felt the sting of your own sin; then receive the message: *He is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed!*

Are you bowed down with sickness; has affliction crossed your threshold; is there a place in the family circle made vacant by death; is your heart heavy as you gaze on the newly made grave; are you meditating with tears on the sweet memory of the departed; then take, O friend, this message which the Visitor brings you, the Easter message: *He is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!*

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
  Can no longer, death, appal us:
Jesus lives! by this we know
  Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
  Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
  Glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia!

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HOLY WEEK

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The second week in this month is called Holy Week, because in it our Church commemorates the most important events in the life of our Saviour and the history of mankind They are the consummation of the Gospel. Wednesday in Holy Week is the commencement of the Passion of our Lord. On this day the great Jewish Council decided to take away the life of Christ by charging Him with crimes before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor in Jerusalem.

Thursday in Holy Week is called *Maundy* Thursday. On that evening our Lord and the Twelve Apostles were together at "The Last Supper." It was then that our Lord instituted and ordained the sacrament of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. The word *Maundy* means *commandment*. Our Lord commanded us to observe this sacrament in the words, "This do in remembrance of me." It also refers to the words of Christ in His discourse at the last supper: "a new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another." Christian people who attend Maundy Thursday Church Service meditate profoundly on our Lord's teachings of love, humilty and service; and take to heart His saying: "If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Good Friday is observed in sacred memory of our Lord's Crucifixion. This Friday is called *good* because of the influences for good which this manifestation of God's love for man and hate for sin have wrought in the process of salvation, the regeneration of men and women.

On Saturday, or Easter Eve., we meditate upon our Lord's Death and Burial. And the morning breaks forth in the song of the Resurrection.

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EASTER DAY

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Our congregation, friends and neighbors, are cordially invited to join us in the greeting of Easter Day, as follows:

Holy Communion at 8 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 10 30.

(See musical program below.)

Sunday School Festival, both in the Parish House, Richmond, and the Chapel, Venango, at 2.30 P. M.

Evening Service in both places at 7.30 P. M.

The Choir on Easter Day.

Morning:

"Christ the Passover" . . Danks
Te Deum . . . . . Corbin

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

249, March 3, Joseph Pogson
250, " 21, Reuben Samuel Troxell
251, " 21, Vera Mary Beck

MARRIAGES

No. 45, March 6 { Robert McCoach / Hannah Thexter

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

129, March 2, Russell Edwin Page
130. " 15, Edwin Forrest Paul

Jubilate Deo . . . F. Shilling
"Christ the Lord is Risen to-day . . . . . Danks
Evening:
Organ Rectital from 7.15 to 7.45
Magnificat } Nunc Dimitis } . . . Davies
"Why Seek ye the Living among the Dead." . . Clare
Bass solo by Mr. A. Jordan of St Paul's Church, Camden.

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Items of Interest

EASTER FLOWERS

Your attention is called to the assortment of Easter Flowers for sale at the Parish House. Orders may be placed at once at St. George's, Indiana Avenue and Livingston Street, or with the following:

Mrs. Ralston, 3153 Almond St.
Mrs. Abrahamson, 3034 Gaul St.
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Mrs. Kauffman, 2712 Richmond St

The orders will enable us to what flowers and how many we should have on hand.

The sale will open Good Friday at noon and close Saturday at 3 P. M. Kindly take note of this and inform our friends.

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The United Offering of the Woman's Auxiliary will be presented at the Service to be held in St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut Street, Friday, April 30th at 10.30 A. M. Our women will remember the visit of Mrs. George C. Thomas, and the blue boxes distributed. Mrs. James McGowan the Parish Treasurer of our Branch has been notified to have our women's offering ready for the service just mentioned.

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The Chapel Guild in Venango have been holding Lenten Services on Tuesday evenings instead of Social meetings which they expect to resume after Easter. The reports of standing committees at the last

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business meeting of the Guild show a marked growth in every branch of activity. The treasurer has a balance on hand of $37.00. Forty sets of Church envelopes have been placed, 35 more sets have to be distributed. The average attendance at the Sunday evening service is 50. On Friday 4 30 P M. the Rev. Mr Arkin had Evening Prayer in the Chapel. Miss Coulter played the organ. Mr. Arkin addressed the congregation on our Lord's love for children. The following visiting committee was appointed for the next three months: Mrs. Hanson, Miss Buckley and Miss Emma Sylvester. The repairs to the building have begun, and it is expected that the Chapel will look much better both inside and outside when the work is finished.

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The rector feels deeply indebted to the members of the Hard Working Club, who gave the paint and to Mr. Abrahamson, who did the painting, for the present appearance of our dining room. It is simply beautiful. After such a pleasant surprise given us by the boys, we wonder if we ever could get really cross at them for any mischievous pranks. We doubt if we could ever again make a real hard face at them. We confess secretly, we love them always.

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Our last Teachers' Meeting held in the Dramatic Club Room the last Sunday in March after Sunday School was a great success. There were 27 teachers present. Miss Coulter and her teachers of the Old Chapel joined us. Miss Emma R. Fries, teacher of the Young Ladies' Bible Class, read some excellent suggestions for the improvement of the Sunday School class work, and they were discussed profitably. Our next meeting will take place Sunday, April 25th at 3.30 o'clock at which Misses Brown and Coulter will speak on the work of the Primary Department, to be followed by a general discussion. Dear teachers, mark this date in your books, as we would like to see you all again.

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The course of the six University Extension Lectures delivered at St. George's by Mr. Frank Stephens has been a great success in every way. In addition to these lectures our people have been favored with a lecture on Japan by the Rev. J. Thompson Cole, and one by Mr. Samuel F. Houston on France, all of which have been highly appreciated by our people. We are very grateful to the gentlemen who enabled us to have these highly interesting and instructive evenings.

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Our Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has just received their new Charter which is beautiful, and hangs in the Chapter room where the meetings are held.

In these days of wireless communication and of building armies and navies it is no wonder that our Juniors have caught the military fever. We look with great expectation on the newly formed brigade; and hold for the next issue of the Visitor a more definite account of it. Just now we hear their exercises, and the blood curdling command, "Prepare load!" makes us shiver. But it is all in fun, and a soldierly bearing is becoming a Brotherhood man. We shall see what will come out of it.

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Our Moonlight Excursion is booked for June 8th. From the preparations made it is to be the finest in our experience. We have chartered the boat Thomas Clyde which will leave Arch Street Wharf promptly at 8 P M , though passengers may board it at 7. Societies of other Churches wishing to join us will receive 50 per cent on all tickets they sell without any risk or pledge. St. George's furnishes the tickets in the name of whatever guild or church it may be desired.

Those desiring further information are requested to communicate with Mr. George D. Moore 3040 E Thompson St. Ticket 35 cents.

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Our Dear Bishop Whitaker writes us that our Confirmation day will be the 5th Sunday after Easter, May 16th, which is the 3rd Sunday in May. We ask our congregation to join us in earnest prayer that a goodly number of men and women may be added to the Church; and that our children who have reached the age of discretion may decide to cast their lot with the Church. Our congregation can do much in increasing our membership by evidences of their loyalty and faithfulness to the Church and its Services.

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We are still waiting for the generosity of a good friend to add to the $25 we have for a second hand piano for the Kindergarten in the Old Chapel in order that we may get bold enough to go to the piano store for a bargain.

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Bell Fund

Previously reported $66.50. Received from E. Lowber Stokes, $10. A little girl Margaret Maneely $1. A little boy Edwin Harler, $1 Total on hand $78 50. It is remarkable how anxious the little children are to have a bell in this Church. This dear boy Edwin has saved up his contribution from the pennies which were allowed him from day to day by his parents. He saved them for the Bell. In the face of such contributions of boys and girls, is there anything on earth that can keep St. George's from getting a fine bell.

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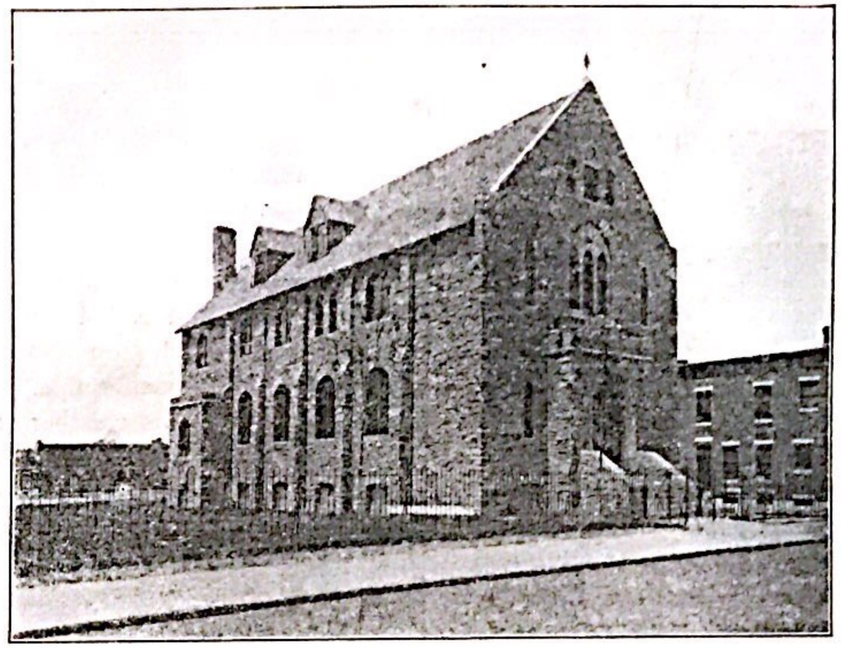
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TWO POINTS OF VIEW

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One warm Saturday evening there sat at supper father, mother, and three children. "To-morrow is Communion Sunday," says the mother, "and this reminds me that we have not been to Church for some time, the Minister will begin to think we are no better than heathen, and I should not blame him for it. But no matter what he may think, we ought as Christian people attend to Church Service more faithfully."

"It is too warm to go to Church," answered the father, wiping the sweat off his face.

"Not one half as warm as to cook this supper, or to eat it," answered the mother good naturedly. "And, certainly, John, it is not nearly so warm as when you are at work, on other days; and I do not see that you are any more comfortable in the house reading the sunday newspaper. Besides, you do not know what sort of weather we are going to have to-morrow." After a pause she continued. "I think really, John, there is much imagination about the weather so far as Church going is concerned. Of course, it is warm; but God has blessed us with summer clothes, and if we can stand the warm weather at home, or at a moving picture show, or at work, we ought to be able to stand it for an hour and a half in the Church where much pain is taken to make us feel comfortable. Do you know, John, this weather talk in connection with Church reminds me of the Lord's parable which we heard once the Minister read Sunday morning, and on which also he preached."

Now, the parable to which this good women referred is the Gospel for the Second Sunday after Trinity St. Luke 14: 16. It was spoken by our Lord at a dinner; and it reads as follows.

"A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.——Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind——and into the highways and the hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper"

"If our Lord regards these three excuses as extremely provoking," concluded the good woman, "how much more so this latest weather excuse. If we were to use these excuses with regard to business and other affairs how much of anything would be accomplished?"

On Monday following, says the teller of this story, the Minister happened to pass that house, and was stopped by the good woman. "Won't you come in a while. You are quite a stranger. I know I have not been at Church for a long time. I am beginning to be ashamed of myself. Last Sunday John and I were getting ready to come; but as we were to leave the house the bell rang, and company came. Of course, we had to give up going to Church."

The Minister listened in kindliness. The explanation was apparently satisfactory. But as he was going on his way he could not help thinking: "Would the master of the house in the parable have been content with this 20th century reason for staying away, inasmuch as the chairs at the banquet table prepared by him with so much pain would have been empty just the same. I wonder what would happen if the "company" were invited to go to Church, inasmuch as they came unexpectedly, and were to spend an hour or so in social intercourse after Church Service?"

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

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Every body is talking about St. George's Sunday School Excursion on July the 29th. Tickets are quite in demand. It will help us greatly if those members and friends who are selling our tickets would kindly make immediate returns as far as possible, as we shall need money to settle with the company. There can be no better work done in the way of outing for the benefit and health of our people especially for the little ones, than the wide sale of our tickets. No excursion is more convenient, comfortable and enjoyable than St. George's Excursion to Burlington Island Park, because we take our babies with us in their carriages, and good things in our baskets. With children about us, friends beside us, and tables full of good things, in the shade of green trees resounding with laughter and merry making, what man or woman does not forget trouble on this good day. And, Oh the boat ride on the river! This alone is a whole picnic. If you have any friends

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MARRIAGES

No. 48, June 18 { John Schmitt / Mary Snyder

No. 49, June 21 { Robert G. Giebelhaus / Anna May Bilger

No. 50, June 26 { Edw. Joseph Brenner / Carrie Antoinette Herz

you wish well, invite them to our Picnic July 29th.

Our Boats leave Allegheny Ave. Wharf 8 15 A. M.; leave Chestnut St. Wharf at 8 A. M. and 1 P M. Returning, leave Burlington Island at 6 P. M. Tickets for Adults 35 cents, for Children, 15 cents for the Round Trip. All Aboard!

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Moonlight Excursion on June 8th was a success in more than one way in spite of the bad weather. This was chiefly due to the untiring efforts of Mr. George D. Moore, and the able assistance of our young men. There were 825 passengers. The net proceeds will be nearly $90.

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The Mothers Meeting have held their closing session this summer, and had a glorious day on their annual picnic in Lemon Hill Park, June 30th.

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Repairs have begun in the Old Chapel Building which will look much better and more safe when the work is finished. We hear nothing but good report from the Old Chapel. The Sunday evening Services are well attended, and the Sunday School is in very good condition.

The Kindergarten has just given a Block Party on Venango Street, and cleared nearly $90. This success is chiefly due to the mothers of the children under the guidance of Miss Ott, the teacher.

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The Strawberry Festival given by St. George's Guild on June 11th was a decided success as was also the Lawn Party given by the Juniors on the 26th. These successes are doubtless due to the earnest workers, and the kindness of friends of this Mission.

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Through the kindness of Miss Zebley we expect to have a nice tennis court on our lawn this summer.

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The Kindergarten has closed for the summer and will open again in September.

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The School Garden adjoining our lawn under the direction of Miss Ansell assisted by Miss Cooling of the Public School Department has surpassed all expectations It is decidedly a blessing to this neighborhood. We cherish a secret pleasure about this matter, because this School Garden was brought about by the solicitations of this Mission.

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We thank the Misses Booth kindly for some of the flowers which are growing in our Lawn.

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May we ask our contributors through the envelope system to be a little more diligent in sending in their envelopes. It is a splendid system, and the burden is very easy when well and regularly kept up. But when neglected and postponed it becomes burdensome. Beware of the warm weather, and its effect on the envelope system, and the Church treasury, and our ability to meet bills. We trust that on receipt of quarterly statement at the beginning of the quarter all arrears will be paid up.

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On June 21st, a beautiful wedding took place at St. George's. Miss Anna May Bilger, a most faithful member of the choir and the Church, was the bride and Mr. Robert Grant Giebelhaus, of Rahway, N. J., the bridegroom. The young couple will make their home with Mr. Giebelhaus' parents at Rahway. They have the profound respect and affection of all who know them, and we all join in wishing them a long and happy life.

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On June 6th, Trinity Sunday, at the Evening Service, the following were admitted into the Junior Auxilary. The Rev. J. R. L. Nisbett, of Christ Church Chapel, preached a very impressive sermon.

Thora Pedersen, Clara Vanderslice, Edith Ratcliffe, Mildred Chase, Catherine Chase, Florence McDowell, Marie Heuges, Matilda Heuges, Gertrude Vanderslice, Mary Woodworth, Agnes Scott, Gertrude Tustin, Elizabeth Woolsey, Margaret Koehler, and Clara Keller.

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The following have been added to our Cradle Roll, the roll of honor: Florence Kirchner and George Henry Herion.

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BELL FUND

Previously reported $90.50
Received from St. Peter's Church through Diocesan Committee $1. Miss Martha M. Hess $1. Mrs. Martha G. Hess $1. Gertrude Hess, in memoriam, $1. Total on hand $94 50. Plans are being drawn up for a support of the bell, and size of bell is being considered. Nothing but a good bell will be permitted for St. George's. Progress in the Bell Fund is a little slow, but we trust sure. Good people won't you help us in carrying out our good purpose?

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Those who have kept accurate count of Fourth of July fire cracker accidents, report that some 1,300 persons, chiefly children, were killed, and nearly 28,000 were wounded in the past six years. Just think of the number of children and grown up persons killed in celebrating the Fourth of July for the last fifty years! The killed and wounded will number more than have been killed in the war for Independence. Most people think that the bloodshed of the Revolutionary war ended a hundred years ago. But has it? Hospital ambulances and nurses and surgeons are kept very busy for three or four weeks during the Fourth of July celebration season. For it has grown to be a *season*, and our government departments are getting ready for it by preparing for fires, casualties, and sudden deaths. In hospitals cots and operating-tables are kept in readiness, as if for war. Is there no Christian way in which we may celebrate our nation's birthday?

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Says an Englishman boastingly to an American: "We have a Society in England whose members have discovered that the human soul weighs two ounces." to which the American, not to be outdone, replied: "And we have some men in America whose souls could turn double somersault on the point of a pin and never be in danger of falling off."

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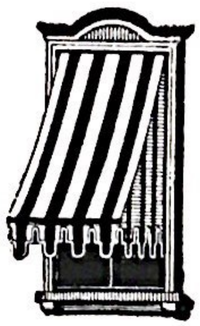
"He who can deny God on a starry night or beside the graves of his dearest ones, or in the presence of martyrdom, is greatly unhappy, or greatly wicked."

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"There is nothing so kingly as Kindness; There is nothing so royal as Truth."

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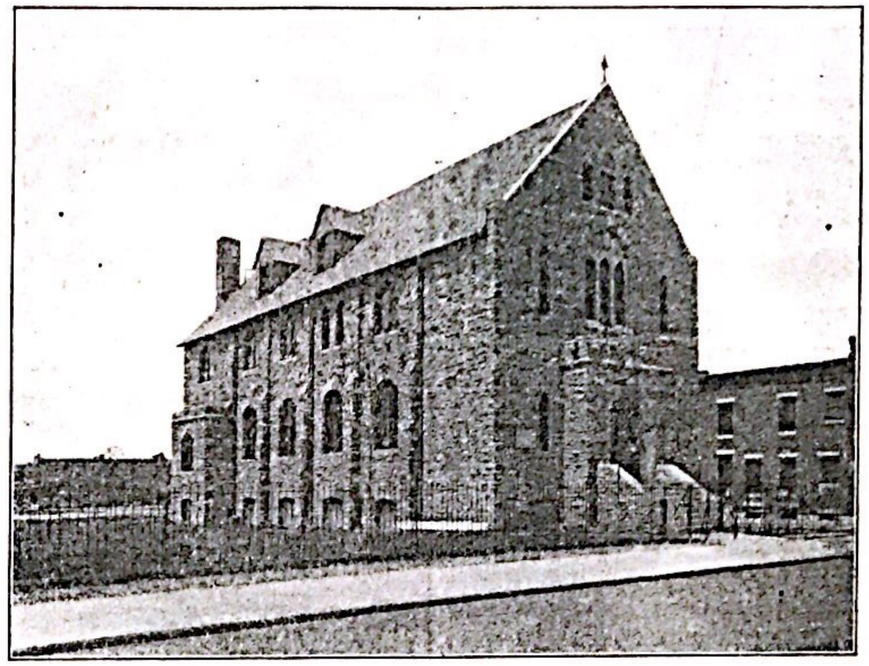
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THE VOICE OF GOD

From the very beginning of creation God has been constantly calling man; and whenever, or wherever, a man or a woman responded to this call the result invariably has been lasting benefit to mankind. The extent of this benefit depends on the earnestness of the response and the capacity of the person responding to the call. But it matters not what the capacity of the person is, no matter how many talents he may possess, ten or one, if he responds heartily to the call of God, the result, be it large or small, is one and the same, namely, it is *good* and it is *lasting*. It must always be large, because it is lasting. Indeed, men of small capacity have by their earnestness moved other men of great capacity to respond to the call of God with most beneficent results to mankind.

God will not establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth without the cooperation of men. He calls to men and women to join Him in the work of buiiding up the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. And this work is being done only in proportion to the number of men and women responding to God's call. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who is to hold its annual convention in Providence, R. I., October 13th to 17th, is one of many who are trying to heed the call of God. The beneficence of this Brotherhood cannot be overestimated. Nor can we comprehend and appreciate fully the good of the other similar associations of men and women.

There is hardly a book in the Bible in which the fact of God calling man is not emphasized and enacted. The most important chapter in history is the record of man responding to the call of God. For it is service only thus rendered that is constructive and of lasting benefit to mankind. This is not only true of the past, in the call of Abraham, the call of Moses, of the Prophets, of St. John the Baptist, and of the Twelve Apostles, and of St. Paul, and the hosts of Missionaries, statesmen and philanthropists since the time of the Apostles; but it is just as true to-day in our shops, colleges, and business places and also in our homes. God is calling, and the life of mankind is made richer and happier every time a man or woman responds heartily to His call, in whatever vocation and place the person may be.

Since the coming of Christ the call of God to man is even clearer and more distinct. "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you."

God calls every one of us to do some service for His Kingdom Any effort on our part to promote the growth and influence of the Church; any time and labor given for the education of children, for the suppresion of vice, for the purification of politics, for honesty in business, for social morality, for peace and piety in the family, reverence and devotion in Church, and love among neighbors; any effort made for any of these is heeding the call of God to service for His Kingdom There is a place and an opportunity in God's great vineyard for every man, woman and child, and the sign on the gate reads always: "Help Wanted, apply at Once."

Christian people! Can you with clear conscience pass by this sign heedlessly? Is the noisy music of the world's side shows loud enough to drown the calling of God?

There are numerous ways in which any one can respond heartily to the call of God: By regular attendance at Church Services, prompt contribution toward the support of the Church, a kind word for it, a manifestation of loyalty both to the Church and Pastor, a maximum of praise and a minimum of criticism, more faith and confidence and less pride and suspicion, never losing from sight the object for which any Church society is formed. Is there any one with a living soul who really cannot hear the voice of God calling to some service for the Kingdom of God on earth? And is there any one so unprofitable as to be unable to find something to do at the bidding of God in His great vineyard?

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VACATION.

Vacation is a season of rest and recuperation. It is not abandonment to pleasure. It is not a season in which we may forget God and His Commandments; nor is it a time in which we are exempt from our duties as Christian people. Godly people do not stay away from Church in vacation time any more than during the working time. We feed the body in vacation, we also must feed the soul.

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The following of our children enjoyed a week's outing in the country July 15th:

Clara and Gertrude Vanderslice, Florence Layer, Annie and Mamie Arndt, Mary Woodworth, Edith Ratcliffe, Thora Pedersen, Marie and Lillie May Heuges.

July 22: Joseph and Nelson Pogson, Frank Arndt, Daniel and Raymond Archibald, Joseph Barth, John Sedergram, Joseph Koehler, John Layer.

The following expect to go to the seashore: Margaret Koehler, George & John Woodworth, Harry Davis. A company of 20 children are booked for a day's outing in the Zoo. Some of our mothers

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
262, July 11, Elsie Julia Marie Goudge
263, " 15, Joseph Steele Cooling
264, " 15, Andrew Zachary Cooling
265, " 23, Arthur Edward Pross

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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
132, July 20, Sarah Grier McKinley
133, " 26, Arthur Edward Pross

expect to take their babies for a week or so to the seashore.

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St. George's Guild is continuing its regular meetings through the summer every Thursday from 2 to 4 30 in the afternoon. Since they love the work and the Church for which the work is done, they say, they cannot see why they should stop it in the summer. We confess, neither can we. But it is love, loyalty and kindly feelings alone that give them this point of view, and makes the Guild Room so comfortable and attractive even in July and August.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following were added to the Cradle Roll, our 'Roll of Honor.' John Girven Marcus and Elsie Julia Marie Goudge.

We would urge strongly the reader of this paper to read pages 242 and 243 of our Prayer Book very carefully, and meditate on the subject of these pages.

The Calendar for August is as follows:

Aug. 1, 8th Sunday after Trinity
" 6, Feast of the Transfiguration
" 8, 9th Sunday after Trinity
" 15, 10th Sunday after Trinity
" 22, 11th Sunday after Trinity
" 24, Saint Bartholomew's Day
" 29, 12th Sunday after Trinity

"I want to join your Society," said a woman rather loudly to the president of a Mothers' Meeting. "I hear you are having a good time at your meetings. I like to come and take part in the talking. It gives a person a chance to speak out her mind. And I enjoy a cup of tea too. I don't care what people think of me, if I have anything to say, I say it right out, whether it be against a member, or the Church or the Minister. I am not like others who go talking behind a person's back." "That is so, Mrs. Grunty," mildly replied the president; "but a Mothers' Meeting

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is not for such objects. A Mothers' Meeting is for prayer and work for the good of the Church and the community. We work for the Church that it may grow in influence to lead our husbands and children and neighbors closer to God, and we pray God to prosper our good work with His blessing. We also pray for peace, quiet and kindly feelings toward one another. We are not concerned with the personal affairs of people. At our meetings we cultivate love and loyalty for the Church and respect for the Minister who is our Pastor. He does not need our criticism. He can get enough of it from the ignorant and the godless whose lives tend to undermine religion and morality which the Minister is striving to build up. We pray and we work for peace, hospitality and kindliness."

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QUARTERLY PARISH GUILD MEETING

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Will be held in the Parish basement the SECOND Tuesday September 14th, at 8 P. M. Our parishioners and friends are cordially invited. It is to be understood that this meeting is the meeting of the whole congregation. It being the first meeting in the working year it is to be of special interest.

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The secret of success of any society lies in the members' earnest efforts to carry out the objects for which it is organized, and no more. This also tells the secret of its failure.

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The account of our Sunday School picnic had to be postponed for the next issue of the Visitor.

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BELL FUND

Previously received $94.50. We trust that we will receive more as time goes on, and that a beautifully toned bell shall ring from St. George's in the near future.

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"Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that he speak no guile; let him seek peace and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. I St. Peter 3: 8ff.

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We call upon all our societies and guilds to get ready for the year's work, and make some plans for it by next Fall. Dates should be reserved as soon as possible.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION

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On August 5th we join in a combination Moonlight Excursion with some other Churches. The boat, which is big, leaves Arch Street Wharf at 8 P. M. Tickets 35 cents. The Excursion is expected to be the best of the season. Our Church gains from every ticket sold for St. George's.

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Our friends are asked to send us whatever household articles and clothing they can spare for our store. In the midst of summer we look towards the winter.

We are also to give a fair sometime late in the Fall or about Christmas time, and salable articles for the fair will be heartily appreciated.

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The long delayed repairs to the Chapel are almost completed. Mr. Noble, a faithful member of the Chapel has succeeded by personal solicitation, among friends here and elsewhere, in collecting a sum of money for the painting of the Chapel. While all the money has not been collected, enough has been subscribed to begin the work. The Chapel will likely be painted outside and inside. We are also looking forward to a dedication service of the Altar and a new Chancel Rail, and a Confirmation Class. The following Brotherhood men have given their services as Lay-Readers: Messrs George E. Sladen, Wm. C. Hubbs, S M. Meehan and August Belmont. Mr. Charles G. Barnes is in charge of the choir.

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The Car Barn Services are continued successfully under the regular care of Messrs. Chas. G. Barnes organist, and William M. Ware, speaker. On July 18, Mr. Edward H. Bonsall conducted the service. He was favorably impressed with the attention and reverence of the men.

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The Rev. George G. Miller will have charge of the Services in St. George's in the absence of the Minister during the last four weeks in this month

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An early settlement for tickets of the Sunday School Excursion is strongly desirable.

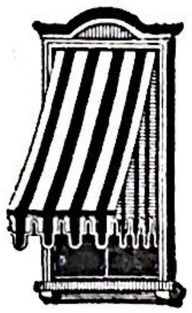
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Here is the same truth expressed in different ways by two great souls, one an Englishman and the other a Scotchman: "All who joy would win must share it,—happiness was born a twin."

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

This truth has been expressed in numerous other ways by the greatest minds of all nations and languages, for they have all received it from the same fountain of wisdom and of love: "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it."

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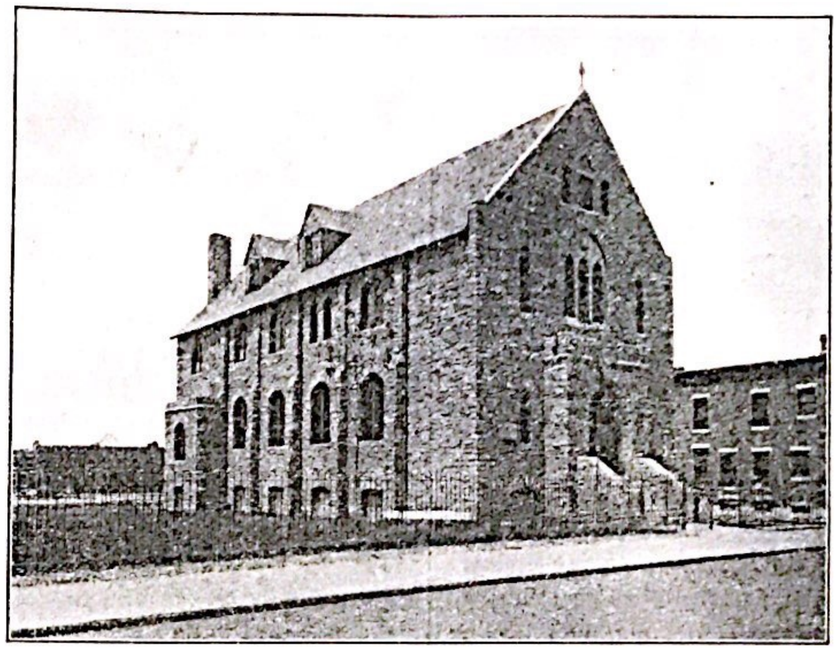
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VACATION THOUGHTS

Standing on this mountain under the high dome of clear blue, and gazing upon the wooded hills rolling away like giant billows in various shades of green, and purple and azure, until it becomes hard to tell where earth ends and heaven begins, I hear the still voice of creation proclaiming: "The Lord, He is God!" And this utterance is echoed in my heart, and the words of our Communion Service come rushing into my mind: "Holy Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Glory be To Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen." Oh that my congregation were here to see the sight and join with me reverently in the Amen.

Peace; it is our Lord's word; and it fills this atmosphere. Rest for the body, and rest for the soul. Who does not thirst for such rest? Our life whether in work or play tends to be feverish. Some of us bear heavy burdens in the heat of day, and the journey is long, and the road is dusty, and the feet are weary. Others are in pursuit of pleasure with flushed face and strained nerve. How sweet is rest, rest of body and soul!

There below surrounded by wooded slopes shines the lake. How quiet, how peaceful! It is fed by crystal water welling up from Eternal Springs within it. And this is the secret of its clearness and fulness. Marred and poor is the life of him who has not cultivated the source of joy that is within him; but must needs depend on others for the joys of life on what he receives, not on what he gives. No man can be happy if he depends on others to make him so. But he is truly joyful who has within him the Eternal Spring of love and peace. God who made the water springs to keep the mountain lake full and running over, opens the never failing spring of life and joy within the heart of man. "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto Eternal life." (St. John 4: 14.)

Sweet freedom is obtained in exchange for complete surrender to God.

What intense curiosity these trees and bushes seem to betray as they lean far over the edge of the lake until their branches almost touch its mirror-like surface! Is it to listen more closely to its fascinating story? Is it to gaze with deep satisfaction at their own beautiful image? Or, is it to offer to summer visitors in their boats

and canoes a beautiful shelter from the glare and heat of the sun or sudden rain? But what is most remarkable is the perfect security of these retreats. For the heavily laden trunks leaning over the water are well rooted in the rocky shores and their roots like heavy and powerful cables are wound and fastened around rocks that cannot be moved. When we are rooted and grounded in our Maker, when Faith, Hope and Love are the anchor of our souls, what may we not venture to do with perfect security, and with what good to those about us!

Oh, how glorious is the night! Would my people and the children whom I love were here to see it. If the day fascinates the eye with color and beauty the night fills the soul with solemnity and awe. It is indeed awe-full. For when God draws the dark curtain of night upon the glories of the earth, He throws open the glories of the heaven; and says to the soul look up. And, oh, what a vision! Infinite space, with no beginning and no end, filled with myriads of stars infinitely greater than this little planet on which I stand. How small man is, how great is God. "Stars," lisps a little child beside me, "Stars are pin-holes to let the glory through.' "Out of the mouths of babes & sucklings Thou hast perfected Praise. These are our Lord's words: Dear Lord, Thou art wisdom. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God" (Ps. 53.)

Hark! it is the sweet strains of human voices; the opening hymn of praise and prayer; men, and women, and children worshipping after breakfast. It is this, society at its best that after all is most charming amidst the enchantments of nature. Society at its best gives us a glimpse of the Kingdom of God for which our Lord has taught us to pray and to work. Culture, refinement, politeness, modesty, an effort to please, to accomodate, these are the elements of social happiness, but when to these is added a spirit of devotion and Christian kindliness, we have society at its best. Such atmosphere is edifying. Therein is the benefit of a vacation.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

On the *Second Tuesday* of this month, September 14, at 8 p. m. the meeting of our Parish Guild will take place. Every effort should be made by all St. George's people to be present and bring friends with them. Especially should the representatives of all our societies be present with their quarterly reports. This is the first meeting of the season at which plans are made for future work. It should be made a social event in the life of St. George's.

Our Sunday School picnic came

up to our highest expectation. Over 1100 men, women and children participated. It was the largest St. George's Sunday School picnic in the history of the Mission. It was not only the largest, but the most enjoyable and successful, for it was a great day for our little ones as well as the other members of our families. It was, indeed, one big family, God's family.

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Our Yearly Fair will take place sometime in December. It is well to think about it now and begin to work for it. Our friends will no doubt help us as usual.

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Loyalty should be the watchward of our people; loyalty to God, to the church, to principle, to the society, or guild, to which we belong. What may we not accomplish with loyalty as our watchward.

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The Kindergarten at the Old Chapel will open again the first week in September. Much credit is due to the Venango Mothers who do their best in helping to maintain it. We are sure they will do even better this year.

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Our Sunday School cries for six more teachers, and our Choir needs more voices. Here are two splendid opportunities for men or women to use their talents, which God has given them, in the service of the Master and for the enrichment of their own lives.

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Dear Bishop Whitaker has appointed Sunday evening, November 28, for Confirmation of a Class at the Old Chapel, Edgemont and E. Venango Streets. We pray for a large and substantial class. The repairs and painting of the Chapel will by that time be completed, and we hope to make that day still more memorable by dedication of the altar and new chancel rail at Confirmation Service. Those who are thinking of being confirmed should communicate with the Minister or Mr. Barnes, or if members of the Sunday School they should confer with their teacher, or Miss Coulter; the Superintendent.

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It is imperatively neccessary that all the societies be represented at the Parish Guild Quarterly Meeting, Tuesday, September 14th at 8 p. m.

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All the returns of the Sunday School Picnic tickets should be made, if possible, before the Parish Guild Meeting.

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May we kindly bring to the attention of our friends the needs of our store. We need things for sale. We can utilize profitably both to the Mission and to our customers all the things which our friends may send us for the store.

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Previously reported $94.50. Received from Rev. John Totty and wife $5. Total on hand $99.50. We hope to have a good church bell by next Easter, if contributions justify. We are far from what the bell and the erection of it will cost.

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Have you, dear friend, read over carefully pages 242 and 243 of of our Prayer Book? If not, will you not do so at your first opportunity.

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Two brothers once lived down this way,
And one was Do and one was Say,
If streets were dirty, taxes high,
Or schools too crowded, Say would cry,
"Oh! what a town!" but Brother Do
Would set to work to make things new.
And while Do worked, Say still would cry:
"He does it wrong, I know that I
Could do right" So all the day
Was heard the clack of Brother Say.
But this one fact from none was hid,
Say always talked, Do always did.
—Exch.

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"He who tells one lie becomes an awful liar, for he is forced to invent twenty more to cover up that one."

We are very glad that Mr. Wood has so far recovered from his illness to be able to resume his work in St. George's as Organist and Choirmaster At the same time we wish to express our appreciation of Mr. Wolf's service rendered faithfully and creditably in Mr. Wood's absence,

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There is no bigger fool than the young man who seeks notoriety for smartness among his fellows by words or acts which will not stand the test of propriety and decency of Christian gentlemen. The temptation to be such a fool among the young and the ignorant is very strong; and fortunate and wise is he who overcomes it. To play the bravado at the bar of saloons and clubs is the usual way in which the fool seeks to distinguish himself. Alas, for his mother, or wife, and all who really love him. Alas, for his poor soul.

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A mother and a sister appeared in court against a young man accused of Drunkenness. The poor mother wept and told the magistrate he had been a good son to her until he took to drink. He was one of those who used to laugh at his chum who refused "to take one," and boasted of his own smartness and ability to stand more than one. Which of these two is the real fool?

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St. George's people are making a record for good work. In the absence of the Minister St. George's Guild undertook and carried out a Block Party, August 27 and 28 and realized for the Church over $70. This speaks highly for the spirit of enterprise and executive ability of our women. But neither were the men in this case far behind There were more of them helping in this Block Party than ever before. We all appreciate the kind help of our neighbors.

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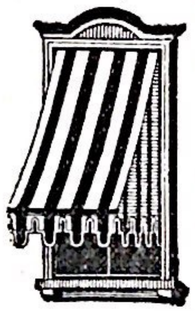
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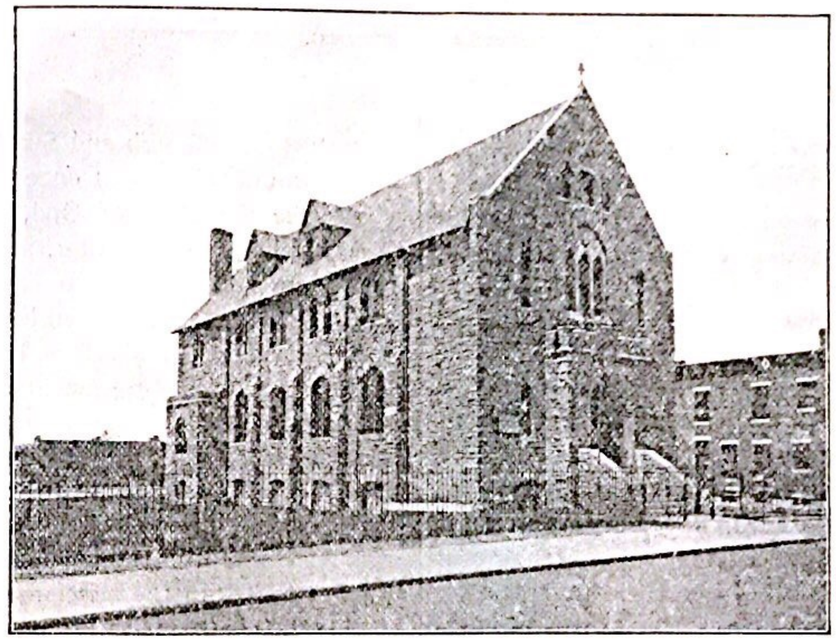
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THE PAPER MILL

How many realize fully what the term Paper Mill implies? If the paper on which these words are printed could only speak. What a fascinating story it could tell; a story full of wonder! But we, with limited space and time can only tell of a few impressions gathered on a hasty visit. A paper mill is made up, roughly speaking, of wood, rags, water, steel, the ingenuity of man, and the beneficence of God. These acting and acted upon, in an infinite variety of ways, transform as if by a magician's wand the rough trunk of a tree, and the rag, into the smooth sheet of paper, perhaps the greatest and most useful civilizing agency in the world. The paper maker should ponder these things, and know what an exalted position in life he is holding; and when he does we bow to him in profound respect.

What is striking most of all at the very entrance into the office is the general and regular activity of the mill. Everything is in motion. You feel that this motion is creative. Something is being made and accomplished every moment. This is life indeed. Such motion, such earnestness, in Church and Sunday School would bring us at once half way to the Kingdom of God, and the other half not long after.

There stood, as we entered the door, the manager, a tall gentleman with thoughtful, kindly face, manipulating a calculating-machine, a labor-saving device in arithmetic. A manager is a man full of responsibility and knows how to bear it. The visitor was greeted with utmost cordiality, though everything pointed to the preciousness of time. And there in his office sat the superintendent. No one would suspect the hearty merriment and fun stored up to a bursting point behind the serious face which was almost buried in a batch of papers, through a pair of spectacles. When he looked up at the Visitor he seemed to have forgotten the papers, and all that was within him burst forth like merry sunbeams. One would take him for a man who frowns only on difficult figures and lazy men. All who work under him know him by his first name, and say he has a good heart and is a first class fellow. The Visitor was certainly made welcome. Any minister could wish for a half dozen men with such disposition as ushers in his church. The Visitor was given a guide, a splendid looking and intelligent young man who led him for an hour through all the departments, and when we came to the starting point said with a twinkle in his eye: "Well, you have seen most of it." Indeed the Visitor was greatly instructed by what he saw. The kindly man in charge of the filtration plant showed him how millions of gallons of water are filtered and medicated in every 24 hours for the mill. The Visitor saw how a machine was eating up 8 foot logs as fast as an Italian with mouth turned up is doing away with macaroni. He also saw how a thin sheet of milky water at one end of the room running through a complexity of rollers come out white paper at the other end of the room. He saw many, many other wonderful things. He saw the engine room full of powerful engines and every wheel in motion. It was the source of power. Though unseen it kept in motion the whole mill. Behind all this stood unseen the engineer, the controller of all the power. How unreasonable, thought the Visitor, it is to go through this world, the great mill of creation, without thought or regard for the great Engineer, the Maker and Director of all power, simply because He is not seen. If a paper mill cannot run without an engineer, how can a universe?

But it was the good cheer of the workers that appealed to the Visitor strongly. Not to mention the neat and very handsome young ladies who department it required an effort to leave, the men on the whole were a cheerful crowd fond of fun and lovers of teazing one another. It would not do to take them seriously. "The first requirement of a paper maker," said a jovial fellow to the Visitor, "is to swear." The Visitor, of course declined the job, but thought the boys really not one half as bad as they tried to appear. The visitor was also impressed with the interest and pride the men took in their work. One of them was kind enough to show the Visitor his labor saving inventions. They are certainly of considerable value. The master mechanic's eyes beamed with delight when the Visitor said he has been through his departments. Even the stokers with singed arms and faces made light of their hardships. With such a spirit and earn stness of workmen no wonder the establishment prospers. The Visitor as he was going home was thinking of what St. Paul said of the Church as it should be: "all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself." (Eph. 4: 16)

The paper mill is made prosperous by such method, why should not the Church?

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✠ PARISH REGISTER ✠

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
266,	Sept.	6,	John Thomas Tong
267,	"	6,	Joseph Tong
268,	"	12,	William James Honeford
269,	"	26,	Albert Fredericks Fairburn
270,	"	26,	Elsie Margaret Fairburn

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.			
134	Sept.	11,	Lucy Ralston
135,	"	16,	Edward Evans
136,	"	25,	Margaret Rohrbach

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. GEORGE'S GUILD

The work of this Guild is characterized by unusual zeal and interest of its members We meet Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4.30, except the first Thursday of the month when we meet for a social evening at eight o'clock. We have not closed during the summer, as our rooms have been so fresh and cool that our members enjoyed working even in the warmest days. We open with a Hymn, say the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, followed by other prayers and the reading of Scripture. The roll is called, and the secretary and the treasurer make their reports. The afternoon work which varies in nature is so distributed that each member re-c ives her choice and enjoys it best. When the work is finished we close the meeting with a cup of tea. Our members number 24, 7 more than last year.

With a joyful heart we gave in a little red and white bag $100 which was our pledge towards the expenses of the Church. We feel that we stand on a good foundation and can do even better things in the next year.

Six of our members are teachers in the Sunday School; two were confirmed last year; ten have contributed to the United Offering. We met our pledge of $3 to the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary. We gave $1 to the Dramatic Club for helping us out in our entertainment. We paid for the rebinding of our Hymnal and Prayer Book of the Chancel, and for cleaning and padding the carpet for the Church. We thankfully received the donation of $1 from Mrs. Beatty for the futherance of our work. Our Cocoa and Strawberry Festival were highly commended. Our strong desire is to go on increasing in influence and usefulness year by year; and we heartily thank all those friends who helped us in our recent Street Carnival and in other ways.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST



WALTER B. GEORGE

A member of our Sunday School, who has gone to live in Portland, Oregon with his aunt Mrs. Jeffcott who is taking a deep interest in his welfare. While we regret his absence we heartily wish him success.

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Our Sunday School parade Sept. 25th to McPherson Park surpassed all our expectations. It was a grand showing of St. George's That is right. Hold your banner of LOYALTY high up, and hide not your light under a bushel.

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The Dramatic Club will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Bell Fund Friday evening, October 8th.

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In the recent death of Mr. Evans and Mrs. Lucy Ralston, St. George's has lost two faithful members. Mrs. Ralston was an efficient Sunday School teacher, and member of St. George's Guild.

Our congregation and others will regret to hear that Miss Olive Brown has given up her position in St. George's. She has chosen to follow the profession of a trained nurse, and begins her work in the Episcopal Hospital October 1st. The Visitor knows not of a more faithful and self-denying young woman. She is leaving behind her a strong foundation which for the past five years she has quietly and prayerfully built up for our children and women, and which will last. As a bright boy innocently said to the Visitor: "There will be a big sore lot of boys and girls when Miss Brown leaves." She is an exceptionally good woman, and leaves behind her beautiful testimonies of her Christian work.

In her new field of work for which she always had a strong desire we wish her prosperity. We are sure she will succeed. Miss Ellen M. Standish formerly of St. Simeon's will take her place in St. George's.

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Our Quarterly Parish Guild Meeting the second Tuesday in September was unusually well attended. The reports from our Societies and Guilds were very favorable indeed. Our people have caught the proper spirit of the Church and her work. Among those who failed to report were the Junior Chapter of the B. of S. A. and the Dramatic Club. We presume it was an oversight. "Work for the night is coming." This life is our opportunity to show God our appreciation of His goodness to us. In what way can we do this better than in the building up of St. George's Church?

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Shall we have a fine Church Bell for next Easter! If so, how shall we get it? We have on hand $99.50. A very modest working

man said he would give $5 if we have the Bell on Easter. We know not whence help will come, but we are sure it will come, if we work for it. The Bell and support may cost about $500 or more.

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FAIR! FAIR! FAIR!

Get ready for the Fair to be held here sometime in December. The time is short, but our people can make time when necessary. We are looking to our friends for encouragement. We are sure they will not fail us.

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OUR STORE

Is almost empty. To stock it for our monthly sales we entirely depend upon the friends of this Mission. Will you not send us some boxes?

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The reports from the Car Barn Services in the Richmond and Allegheny terminal are very good. Messrs. Ware and Barnes of St. Matthew's Chapter have been faithfully and ably assisted by some members of our Chapter especially by the following young men: Chas. Shoemaker, Harry Funk and Samuel Mc Gowan.

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Miss Ethel A. Ott, teacher of the Kindergarten at the Old Chapel has just returned from a trip to Europe and will resume her work the first of this month. In her absence Miss Foust held sway over the little ones.

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CONFIRMATION

We are looking forward to a goodly class for Confirmation when Bishop Whitaker comes to the Old Chapel an Sunday Evening November 28th. Those in the neighborhood of the Old Chapel should consider the occasion very seriously and prayerfully and decide with God. We should at least have a Confirmation Class of 12 people who would rather be in the Church than out of it.

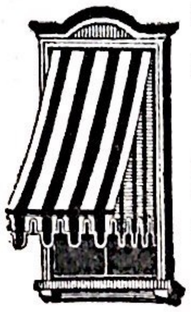
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Those who have no weekly envelopes are requested to ask the Minister to explain to them what the envelope system is.

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"You know," said a Christian lady to her pastor, "that as my family increases, we are ten of us now. I am confronted by a problem unknown to me heretofore. As my boys and girls, God bless them all, are growing in usefulness, and are contributing to the comfort of our home, there is, you will not believe me, cropping out among them now and then a kind of jealousy of each other's well doing for the family. I cannot understand why children should show jealousy in well doing when the good done by each is for the welfare of all." "My dear Mrs. Dogood," answered the Minister smiling, "I can well sympathize with you, for I too have to grapple with some such problem in the large Parish family. The zeal for good work for the Church among our Societies naturally creates friendly rivalry, and this in turn may lead some one to express himself, in a moment of thoughtlessness, as do your children. But is it not better to have a family with a problem than to have none at all? Thank God for the family and thank God for the problem."

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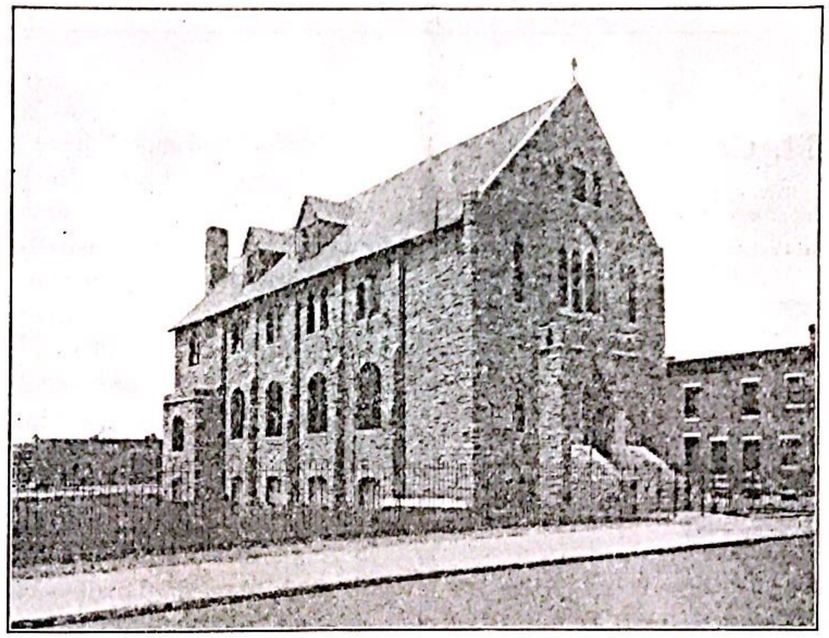
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This holy day;
Oh, let our hearts in tune be found."

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Thus begins Hymn 190 in our Church Hymnal for Thanksgiving Day Service. It should be the life song of St. George's Congregation. A man is very poor until he begins to thank God for the things he has, enumerating the blessings which are his. It is then that his life grows large, assuming proper proportion. It is then that he begins to feel the real joy of possession and the comfort which it gives; for he has been just both to God and to himself. And what is true of one person is equally true of a congregation. It is certainly true of St. George's Congregation.

It is just eight years since the present incumbent came to the Old Chapel on Venango Street. Few remember what it was then, because there were few present. But these few are witnesses to the goodness of God and the kindness of men through Him. Great difficulties both physical and moral, have been met in these eight years. But with goodness all these years are crowned. We cannot usually, if ever, have the one without the other. The road to goodness is through difficulty. The figures about to be given are small by themselves, but loom large in the face of the difficulties.

Between November 1901 and November 1909, there were in St. George's Mission baptized 276; confirmed 245. Total receipts from all sources $47.074.49; expenses $46,523.05. To the poor $354 54. To Missions $1,176.59. In 1901 the value of the property real and personal of St. George's Mission was about $1500. The estimated value of the same in 1909 is $33,700. Eight years ago the communicants of St. George's hardly numbered 25; now they number 250. Then we had only the Old Chapel, now we have the new Parish House and property on Indiana Avenue and the Old also on Venango Street. In the Old Chapel we have a daily Kindergarten splendidly attended; a Sunday School of more than one hundred; Evening Services with an average attendance of 40. The Old is growing young again. It has become a a promising Mission. The new St. George's on Indiana Avenue, transferred from the Old about three years ago, is steadily growing into a parish. Our eleven Societies and Guilds are all healthy and working. There is not a dry branch. They are all growing. Nor is this all In coming nearer to the people of Richmond our Church has not only brought the opportunity looked for by those who love our beautiful and helpful Church Service; it has not only introduced Gospel Services on Sundays in the neighboring car barn for trolley men, it has not only built up a Sunday School of more than 425 children; but it has brought with it also the atmosphere of intelligence and refinement characteristic of our Church. It is through St. George's Mission that a very beautiful Carnegie Free Library, and adjoining public square, and a most useful School Garden were brought about. And what shall we say of our stately stone Parish Building, a bee hive of Church work in week days, and a place of public worship and Sunday School work on Sunday.

Surrounded by the beautiful lawn with newly planted trees, the gift of our families, and flowers which are used for the Altar in the Summer and Fall, and sent to the sick with a cheering message, our Parish House is the admiration of our neighbors. The establishment of a University Extension Centre which will no doubt continue to grow is also due to St. George's Mission. All these, and other things not mentioned, surely ought to fill the hearts of our Congregation with thanksgiving to God, and a sense of gratitude to the friends and neighbors who helped us in our efforts. Members of our Congregation therefore will look forward with delight to Thanksgiving Day, on which great day they will do their utmost to assemble with their families and friends at the Morning Service to give thanks to God, in common worship and praise not only for blessings received individually, but also for the benefits which we all enjoy collectively as a congregation and community. As to the Pastor, he could thus in no better way celebrate his eighth anniversary in St. George's Mission. Come therefore, let us sing together on Thanksgiving morning:

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"Lord of the harvest, all is Thine:
The rains that fall, the suns that shine,
The seed once hidden in the ground:
New every year,
Thy gifts appear;
New praises from our lips shall sound."

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MEMORANDUM

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This is to keep before the mind our special needs during the coming year.

1. The completion of our cement pavement, which work has just been finished, $140.

2. A wooden floor in the basement found necessary for our women for more effective work, $275.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
271, Oct. 3, Norman William Fluck
272, " 3, Francis Joseph Griess
273, " 10, Catherine May Sweitzer
274, " 10, Frank Matthew Herbsleb
275, " 24, Eleanor Gertrude Maas

3. A good bell, to ring if possible on Easter Day. We prefer a good Church bell, because we hope to transfer it some day to the cupola of a fine Church building to come.

The friends of St. George's will kindly take note of these needs.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our next Parish Guild Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday December 7th. Every effort should be made by our people to be present, especially by the various members of our working societies. Our Annual Fair, remember, begins December 9th.

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We have a society called the Mothers' Helpers consisting of five members, children of members of our Mother's Meeting. It is the youngest in the list of our societies; but in point of zeal and work second to none. They have made $7 at a Block Party all their own, and we understand there is intense activity going on quietly, the result of which when manifested in due time will reflect great credit on the character of this young society. We trust we did not betray any secret.

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The Dramatic Club announced its first entertainment this season by the following original rhymes written by one of its lady members.

"We have at St. George's, you all know,
A tiny little fund that wants to grow;
'Twas started in order to purchase a bell,
The time for Church our people to tell.

On October the 8th, please forget not the date,
A program of pleasure for you will wait;
So rally to our colors of Red and White,
And come out in "full force" on Friday night."

Well it was a pronounced success.

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Previously reported in the Bell Fund $99.50. Received from a little boy, Alfred E. Abrahamson 50 cents to make up the $100. Cash from a friend $5. Total on hand, $105. Needed $500. Our children hear the distant ringing of the bell on Easter Day. Will this dream be realized?

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Old Chapel (Venango) News

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Beginning with the first week in November Mr. Paul S. Atkins will regularly conduct the Services in the Old Chapel, and help in the pastoral work of this Mission. Mr. Charles G. Barnes is in charge of the choir. Both are Brotherhood men.

On November 28th, at Sunday Evening Service, Bishop Whitaker will visit the chapel for Confirmation; also for the dedication of the Altar, Cross, and Chancel rail. The Altar is a gift from the Church of the Messiah; the Cross was given by Mr. John W. Conner, and the Chancel Rail was presented by an old and faithful friend of the chapel Mr. Robert Rollison.

The Chapel building has been repaired, and painted both inside and outside. The painting is chiefly due to the untiring efforts of Mr. David Noble, a member of the Mission, who has shown us the long list of contributors whom he has visited, and whose kindness helped materially to complete the work. He has performed the difficult task of collecting faithfully and has acted generously. We hereby express our deepest appreciation to all who are on his list of contributors. In all these splendid improvements the people of the Mission have a large part.

The members of the Choir are as follows:—May Hanson, Mamie Arndt, Sadie Hanson, Anna Oechsel, Edna Reed, Louisa Seemuller, Margaret Bieber, Edna Bieber, Elizabeth Buckley, Joseph Hanson, Harry Funk, Horace Wright.

The Sunday School under the management of Miss Katharine C. Coulter continues to grow and flourish.

The Daily Kindergarten is in splendid order under the training of Miss Ethel A. Ott.

We are looking toward a joyful Service and a creditable Confirmation Class on Sunday Evening, November 28th, which is Advent Sunday.

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OUR ANNUAL FAIR

Will begin Thursday, December 9th and close Saturday the 11th Every effort will doubtless be made by our people and friends for the success of this Fair. Success means work; but our people are not afraid to work. Those who wish us success will doubtless work for it. We shall gladly accept anything offered to us for the Fair. The time is rather short, but much can be given and much can be done in five weeks.

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Advent Sunday comes on November the 28th. It is the first Sunday in the Church Calendar. It is followed by St. Andrew's Day on the 30th. The members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew are urged to consider seriously the Week of Prayer beginning November 28th. Each member should provide himself with a copy of the leaflet entitled, "Thoughts for the Week of Prayer," and see also that other men and boys get a copy of it. It has been found by experience that earnest prayer is a wonderful power for good. Good men therefore pray earnestly. God answers earnest prayer. "Thoughts for the Week of Prayer," may be had for the asking of the Pastor.

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A Prayer for Men and Boys
(From St. Andrew's Cross

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O Lord Jesus Christ Who was Thyself once a Boy upon the earth and the noblest of Men, and came to save and to help all men and boys, Grant that every man and boy may be glad, and not ashamed to follow and serve and worship Thee publicly, so that he may be a faithful Christian and a loyal Churchman, all the days of his life; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The men of St. George's, especially our Juniors and the Hard-Working Club should make this their Prayer.

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There is an effort on the part of some of our men to form a Men's Club. It is an excellent idea. But it is even more excellent when put into practice. The way to form a Men's Club is to form it. Where there are men and a place to meet in it is the simplest thing in the world. Manhood and a Parish House. Have we not both?

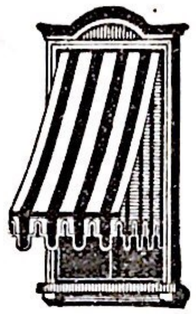
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The third Sunday in this month is the Eighth Anniversary of the Minister in St. George's Mission. How beautiful and becoming it would be, and what a delight to the Minister, to have all our people and friends join the Pastor in giving thanks to God at Church Thanksgiving Morning. It would be the happiest way he could celebrate this anniversary. The offering at this Service, 10.30 A. M., will be devoted to the Episcopal Hospital.

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Bishop Whitaker asks the men of our congregation to attend the Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement November 18 to 21, Central Y. M. C. A., 1421 Arch Street, and particularly the Sectional Conference of our own Church November 20, in the Church House 12th and Walnut Sts, at 2 30 P. M.

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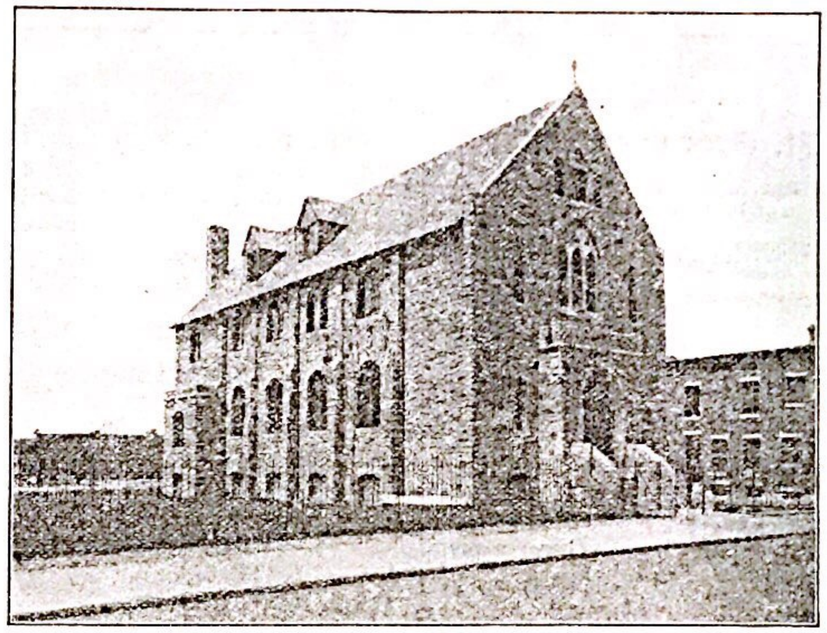
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

When this greeting reaches you, dear reader, 1909 will have taken its departure, and is even now receding into the past like unto a telegraph pole from behind a fast moving train. It has gone, never to return. A whole year of our life gone. We are a year older; one more year nearer the end; nearer the gate of eternity.

What would we not have given if we could have it over again! There are so many mistakes, both big and little, which we might have corrected. There are so many omissions which we might have avoided. We are sure we could have made it more satisfactory in the sight of both God and men. Oh! if we could only have it back again, even for the brief time which it takes to read a proofsheet before it goes to the printer, or to glance over a letter before it is sealed for the letter carrier! We are our own printer, or letter carrier, and there is no time for correction or change. What is written is written.

Yet God is merciful. If the old year is irrecoverable, and we are powerless to change it, the new year is before us. It stands welcoming us, as it were, with open arms, full of encouragement, full of hope, and full of opportunities; opportunities which seem to say: "Thou child of God, we are thy servants ready to keep thee from repeating past errors as well as to help thee to make up for the time that is lost. We would help thee to redeem the time. Look, therefore, carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise: redeeming the time."—(Eph. 5:15.)

It is the glory of our faith, the faith which comes to us through Christ Jesus, that by it we may do the impossible. We may cleanse our record of the year that is past in the time that is before us. This is the value of "the forgiveness of sins" to those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe the Holy Gospel; for it is redeeming the time. This is why our Lord is called the Saviour.

Have you failed in your duty towards God? Have you done everything that you could for the Church which our Saviour founded in His blood? Have you thought enough of Him to observe the Commandment which He hath ordained in remembrance of Him? How much have you thought of the Church? How much has it cost you in the past year? How much have you denied yourself for her welfare? Let your answers be distinct and definite. Think well before you answer. Answer now as you will at the end of years, on the day of judgment, before God your Maker.

If you have failed in your duty towards God, you have also failed in your duty towards your neighbor. But if you have failed in these duties in the year past (for what man or woman hath not failed?) rejoice that there is a New Year full of opportunities to redeem the time lost. Therefore, we say to you, dear reader, Happy New Year.

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The old year is closing most beautifully. First we have Christmas Day. On this day came the light which lighteth every man coming into the world. Following it is St. Stephen's Day. St. Stephen was one of the first seven Deacons of our Church in Jerusalem. The account of his martyrdom is given by St. Luke in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 6 and 7. St. Stephen is the first martyr to the Christian faith in the Church. On December 27 we hold service in memory of St. John the Evangelist, "the disciple whom Jesus loved." In marked contrast to St. Stephen, who followed Christ in death, a young man, St. John, lived to be a very old man, and was not killed as were the other Apostles. He wrote the Fourth Gospel, three Epistles (letters), and the Book of Revelation. He is therefore called the Seer of Patmos, and the Apostle of Love. Only those who read his books can understand why he is thus called. Following this is the Innocents' Day. On this day we commemorate the deaths of the infant boys who were assassinated by the wicked King Herod in his effort to destroy the Christ child. For an account of this see chapter 2 of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Thus the old year closes with a magnificent cluster of commemorations.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In the next issue we expect to print the Directory of our Guilds and Societies.

Our Men's Club is a decided success. This is the general verdict. This success is undoubtedly due to the untiring efforts of the officers, excepting the president, but chiefly to the rank and file who constitute a body of sober-minded, intelligent, well-meaning men with an earnest desire to do good. It is on the whole a splendid body of men of a variety of age and occupation calculated to keep it strong and useful.

The Club meets on Thursdays at 8 p. m. On December 16 the Club gave a social to members and friends, at which twelve new members were taken in, making the total membership forty-five. The mark aimed at is 100. The program of entertainment, including vocal and instrumental music was made up by members and friends themselves, and it was an excellent one. The committee did its work to perfection.

On the last Thursday of December the Club adopted a set of sensible by-laws, and has elected officers and a Board of Directors whose names will appear in the Directory in the next issue of the VISITOR. A list of names of the members will also be published.

On the sixth of this month a speaker has been invited to address the Club, and on February 3, Thursday before Lent, a social has been arranged for members, wives and sweethearts. Those who are fortunate enough to have little ones at home are advised to find some good neighbors to tend the babies so as to enable the mothers to attend the social. We think there are enough good neighbors here to go around.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

291, Dec. 12, Anna May Schoell
292, " 12, Edward Frame

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

139, Dec. 24, George Benjamin Wyatt
140, " 28, Charles Forest Hitchcock

Among all those who boast of their Christmas presents no one has as much right to be as proud as the Minister of St. George's. When his friends visit his dining room again they will find it adorned by a most beautiful and tasteful set of furniture, six chairs and a corner table; one of the chairs specially designed for the head of the table. There is no gold in this world that can measure the value of this furniture, for it is a Christmas present from the little society called Mothers' Helpers for the comfort of their minister. This magnificent present tells the story of the long time, persistent hard work and thought given by these little children, only five in number, Mothers' Helpers, to the task of accumulating the required price. Every inch of the six chairs and table means love and kind regard for him whose comfort they must have constantly kept in mind. There is nothing in this world that surpasses childlike love expressed in self-denial. The minister has experienced this of late in abundance, but this token of affection, so secretly kept and cherished in the child heart for so many months in order that it may show itself more beautifully on Christmas Day, is more than he can thank the little givers for. All he can say is: "Dear children, I love you with all the affection a human being is capable of. May your lot in life be making people happy as you have made me."

How true is the saying, "An apple falls not far from the tree." Like mothers, like helpers.

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THE BELL.

Our children are expecting the bell for next Easter. We would not for the world disappoint them since they have been waiting for it so long and have been contributing to it so generously. We appeal to our congregation to make our want known to our good neighbors. There is hardly any one in Richmond who would not contribute something toward a church bell. After much investigation and inquiry it was found best to get a thousand-pound bell of the best quality. The bell and its support will cost about $650. Previously reported in the bell fund, $282. Received from Edna and George Kauffman, two little children, $1; "A friend." $1; Boys' Hardworking Club, $1; Miss Bennett, $5.50;

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Mrs. Patterson, 50 cents. Total, $291. Two gentlemen have promised $5 each if the bell will ring on Easter Day. We feel sure that if our guilds and Sunday School get their will stirred up that we shall have the money in time to ring the sweet church bell on Easter morning. For how can we disappoint our children?

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This is not the only object our people are working for. The wooden floor in the basement for our women workers is becoming an absolute necessity. The cement floor, which, by the way, is crumbling, is conducive to rheumatism, or the fear of it, which in effect is the same so far as work is concerned. Our working societies can do very much to hasten the coming of a good wooden floor. There is nothing impossible with St. George's people. With strong hand and heart, and much faith, we may have both the bell and the floor by Easter.

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The Old Chapel Sunday School, Venango, is doing splendidly. It is growing so well in numbers and grace that it promises to be the foundation for a good congregation to come. The recent and unexpected storm and the provoking standstill of street cars have conspired to prevent the children from having their Christmas cantata, for which they were so diligently working under the instruction of Miss Katherine C. Coulter, their faithful teacher. If nothing happens, the Cantata will be given sometime after the aew year.

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Time, after all, is the same. The present does not differ from the past. St. George's store needs boxes of partly worn things for its sales as much as ever before.

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"Mr. Visitor," said a young matron, with an air of one who has made a great discovery, say a remedy for the hookworm plague or consumption, "Mr. Visitor, the reason for so many divorces and unhappiness in family life is found in the fact that so many young people marry for a 'good time' instead of taking up seriously the duties of home life. Happiness and selfishness can not dwell together in the same home. And where selfishness is, happiness flees through the window, and leaves the home desolate. Then disappointment comes in and takes up his abode; and then man and wife become like unto two cats in one bag."

The Visitor on his way home was thinking of the solemn promises made each to the other in the marriage service, to love, and honor, and comfort, and keep each to the other in poverty or riches, in sickness or health, "till death us do part," and then said to himself: "Is it possible that some young people could so deceive themselves and each other, and yet call it love?"

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While the minister was riding on a street car, thinking of how to meet the needs of the church financially, he overheard the following conversation of two men in the seat before him:

"So you contribute nothing to the church," said the one. "Oh, yes," replied the other; "I give my boy five cents every time he goes to Sunday school." But how often does your boy go to Sunday school? And are you sure the boy does not spend four cents for candy and give only one penny to the teacher for the church? The candy store people tell me that Sunday-school time is their best trade of the week. Then on Christmas the boy gets back almost one-half, if not all, of what he has contributed during the year. And you and I think that churches are necessary even if we do not go to them. Don't you think, John, that this is rank hypocrisy? I used to think that hypocrites were only in the church. We are baptized in the church, we are married by the church, we go to the church in time of sickness and death, and yet we let it starve for want of support. How much do we spend on the church in comparison with what we spend on other things of far less importance? If we give $10 a year to the church we think ourselves very liberal, yet this sum is but less than three cents a day, or twenty cents a week."

The minister was sorry that he had to leave the car at this point, for he was anxious to hear the rest of it and the reply from the other man who was addressed as John.

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THE KINDERGARTEN

The Christmas Festival of these little ones in the Old Chapel held at noon Wednesday Dec. 29th was most captivating. The Visitor has had the best Christmas time of his life at these exercises. Those who have the slightest doubt as to the importance of Kindergarten work under the roof of the Church should have been present. Their doubts would have been quickly dissipated We do not know of a more fruitful work. There were present 40 of the 50 members of the class in company with some mothers in spite of the hard weather.

All this good work is due chiefly to the kindness of the children and teachers of the Sunday School of St. Asaph's Church, Bala There is no better reward to those who are helping in this work than these magnificent results.

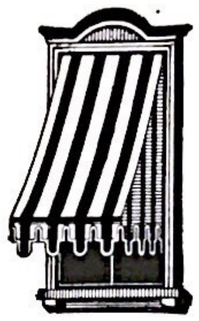
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The Christmas Cantata given by the Sunday School of new St. George's Richmond, Thursday, Dec. 30th was most successful. It was organized and brought about by Miss Standish; and we regret that sickness has prevented her from seeing the fruits of her labor. Great credit is due to Miss Edith Taylor and others who have come to the rescue to carry out the task to a successful issue. Our children have done splendidly. There are no children who can surpass them in loyalty.

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The young people of the Old Chapel, Venango, are practicing for an entertainment under the direction of Mr. Paul S. Atkins to be given for the benefit of the Chapel in the near future. The enthusiasm of the participants promises success.

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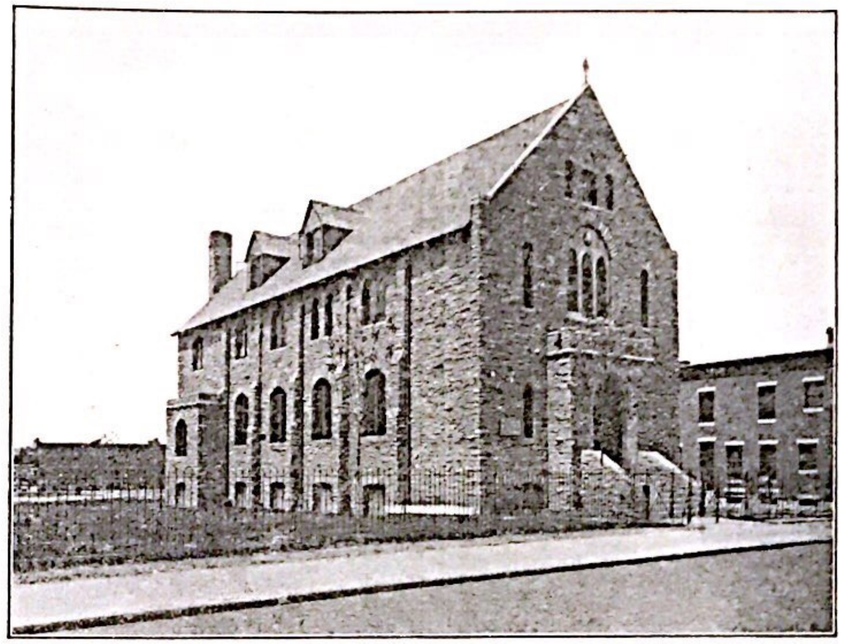
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LENT

"Mother," said a bright young lady of sixteen, "why does the Church insist on keeping Lent? Just at this time, too, when all the places of amusement offer the people recreation and entertainment, when there are so many engagements made for all kinds of pleasure parties, operas, dinners, dances, cards, and all sorts of social gatherings, which make people joyful and happy, the Church steps in and says, 'Lent,' and we have to sober up, and give up so much which we would like to enjoy. Don't you think, mother, the Church is an intruder? She seems to begrudge us a good time. Don't you think that this keeping of Lent is an old superstition, and out of date? Mollie Wise, who does not belong to our Church, and who wants me to join the house party at her home next Saturday evening, says that this Lent is all foolishness, and that one day is as good as another, and that if people want to be good they have 365 days to be good in, and there is no reason why they should have forty days in Lent."

"So they have, child," replied the mother, very kindly, "they have a whole year in which to be good; but they are not likely to be *good* through the year if they are not *better* in the forty days of Lent. You are looked upon by all as a well-bred young lady of pleasant and attractive manners; and this is the reason why you are invited to the house party; but you were not born so. From your babyhood I took painful care in teaching you the best behavior, repeating the instruction sometimes twenty or thirty times a day, withholding the piece of sweet from your outstretched, grasping little hand until you lisped 'thank you'; and since then I have not ceased reminding you of the proprieties of daily life until excellent manners have become almost natural to you. You can be kind, gentle, polite, and in sympathy with your neighbors of all station in life without any effort. This is the secret of your attractiveness. But this is due to the discipline of your loving mother.

"My dear child, the Church is our loving mother. She comes to us yearly with her Advent and the Lenten seasons gently to remind us of our Lord Jesus Christ, lest we forget Him. No matter how innocent our pleasure and how honest our business, if it is business and pleasure only, we are liable to alienate ourselves from God. We are liable to lose all taste for religion, for the attendance of divine worship, and, finally, for anything that is godly, just as you would fall back into bad and selfish habits, if I had not kept correcting you, and pointing out to you the right way, until you were old enough to appreciate it.

"So, dear child, comes to us the Church, with her Lent in the very midst of our pleasure season, and speaks to us of Duty, of Prayer, of Meditation, of Reading of Scripture, of Self-Examination, of Repentance, of Church Attendance, of Good Works, of Giving, and of the Cross. These are things which we must reckon with in this life, that we lose not life eternal. These are the things which fit us for life eternal. By heeding faithfully the gentle hints and admonitions of the Church year by year we are gradually growing into fitness for life eternal, and by the time we reach the end of our life here we are old enough to appreciate the life hereafter. Christian habits and thoughts become natural to us, and we feel the truth of our Lord's words when He says: 'My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

"My child, our Lord, for our sake, took upon Himself our flesh with all its infirmities; for our sake did hunger and thirst, and was sorely tried by all the wiles of Satan forty days and forty nights; for our sake He did bear patiently the taunts and scoffs and the ingratitude of the world; for our sake He did suffer the agony of the Cross, that He might pull us out of the mire of selfishness, and draw us up to the height of His goodness and pureness, and loveliness; shall we refuse the self-denial of Lent which the Church lays upon us for His sake?"

The young lady sprang from her seat with tearful eyes, and throwing her arms about her mother's neck, and with her head on her mother's breast, said, feelingly: "Dear mother, I cannot understand how I could think and talk as I did. I know you will forgive me, mother, as I am sure our Lord Jesus will pardon my thoughtlessness."

Is the first day in Lent. We inherited this name from ages past. While the custom of strewing ashes on the heads of penitents, from which "Ash Wednesday" is derived, is no longer observed in our Church, the name still continues to indicate the first day in Lent. This year it comes on the 9th of February. The people are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock.

It is the custom throughout the Church to lay aside, day by day in Lent, some offering to be presented unto God on Easter Day, according to the ability of the giver. An offering unto God is a contribution to anything which works for godliness. The special offering of the people, called Easter Offering, is most acceptable to God, because it is chiefly made up in Lent by self-denial; and as such it is not only most precious in the sight of God, but it carries with it an unspeakable blessing to the givers. For this purpose Easter envelopes are distributed among the members of the Church in which to deposit their offerings daily, if possible; for a daily offering, no matter how small, carries with it a daily blessing. The money thus contributed goes toward meeting the needs of the parish church. Mite boxes are also distributed among the children. They, too, are required to drop daily, if possible, into the little box whatever they can spare by self-denial toward the work of the Church. The offerings of the children are for missionary work in spreading the Gospel of Christ at home and abroad. There is not a better-hearted or more loyal people than the people of St. George's. We are sure they will do their duty, and teach their children to do the same.

✠ PARISH REGISTER ✠

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

293, Jan. 17, Violet May Kirchner

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

141, Jan. 12, William Beckershoff
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St. George's Church, Richmond, is glad to utilize every opportunity in helping people who are trying to help themselves This Fuel Saving Fund is an opportunity which has offered itself to our church for the good of the people.

BELL FUND.

Our children are expecting the church bell on Easter Day. We trust they will not be disappointed. Previously reported, $291. Received from: John W. Mills (in memoriam), $1; Elizabeth Mills, $1; Mary Hess, $1; Rebecca Hess, $1; Joseph S. Hess, Sr., $1; J. Rodman Paul, $5; Miss C. P. Middleton, $2; Miss Mary Honeyford, $2; George R. Bower, $4; Miss Helen C. Bunting, $2; Michael Campbell, $1; Miss Wappler, $1; total, $313.

As the installation of the bell will cost not less than $600 it makes us lift up our eyes, looking to places whence help might come. If the measure of value in the market were self denial, we could have bought the finest chime of bells in the world for the contributions which have come from our people. It is for this reason that we are looking up for help which will make such contributions count. And on Easter Day may the bell ring and we all shall sing:
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One of the most beautiful features of our working societies is that they are all working in harmony. The VISITOR was delighted to feast at a union social of the Mothers' Meeting and St. George's Guild, at which the latter were the hosts. In returning this courtesy the Mothers have invited the members of the Guild and their children to a pancake social on Shrove Tuesday. The VISITOR, who is by nature a philosopher, has learned this lesson: Whereas, in lack of harmony nobody feasts, in concord everybody feasts doubly.

On January 28 the Mothers gave a Poverty Social for the benefit of the Basement Floor Fund. In spite of the bad weather it was most enjoyable to all those who were present.

The splendid event of the first week in this month was the entertainment given by the Men's Club to members, their families and friends on Thursday evening. The program was most tastefully and well gotten up. We regret limited space forbids a description of it, and the mention of the names on the program. We are all certainly very much indebted to the talent and the committees of arrangements. It was simply excellent.

Not behind this was the entertainment given by our Sunday School Class No. 3 on the following Friday evening, for the benefit of the Bell Fund, under the inspiration and guidance of their teacher, Miss Elizabeth Stewart, assisted by another teacher, Miss Edith Taylor. Class No. 3 is composed of young girls just budding into womanhood, and the latent talent they displayed was most agreeably surprising. We extend hearty thanks and express our deep appreciation to the young gentlemen who came to their help and made the event a glorious success.

We regret, more deeply than we can express, the resignation of Mr. Henry Middleton Wood as organist and choirmaster, owing to ill health. He has the respect and love of all of us.

We are glad to announce that Mr. George F. Carey is to take charge of the organ and choir the second Sunday in this month.

THE OLD CHAPEL, VENANGO.

There was joy in the basement of the Old Chapel to overflowing when the Mothers and the Kindergarten children held their union meeting on the afternoon of January 20. The recitations of the children were charming, and the "good time" of mothers was very good. The Misses Ruos and Miss Allen and Miss Buck were most helpful in assisting Miss Ott, teacher of the Kindergarten.

The Sunday School, under Miss Coulter, is flourishing, as is church attendance at evening prayer, conducted by Mr. Paul S. Atkins.

In response to a petition from the Chapel people, the minister will celebrate Holy Communion every first Sunday in the month at 8.30 a. m.

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Mrs. Wm. H. Patterson, Secretary
Mrs. Rose Robinson, Treasurer

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Miss Ellen M. Standish, President
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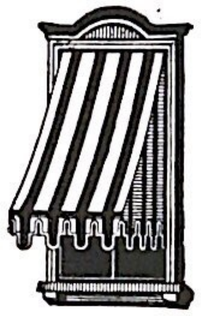
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Visiting Committee, Mrs. Joe Hanson, Miss Elizabeth Buckley and Miss Emma Sylvester

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On February 5, an entertainment, with an attractive program, was given for the benefit of the Chapel Fund, under the guidance of Mr. Atkins, to the delight of a goodly audience, as follows: Piano duet by Misses Elizabeth Buckley and Miss Gertrude Vogt; recitation, by George Keller; a representation of the popular farce, "Box and Cox," by Miss Buckley, Mr. Atkins and Harry Funk; and several selections by a male quartet (whose names we have failed to get), which were highly enjoyed. We are all certainly grateful to them.

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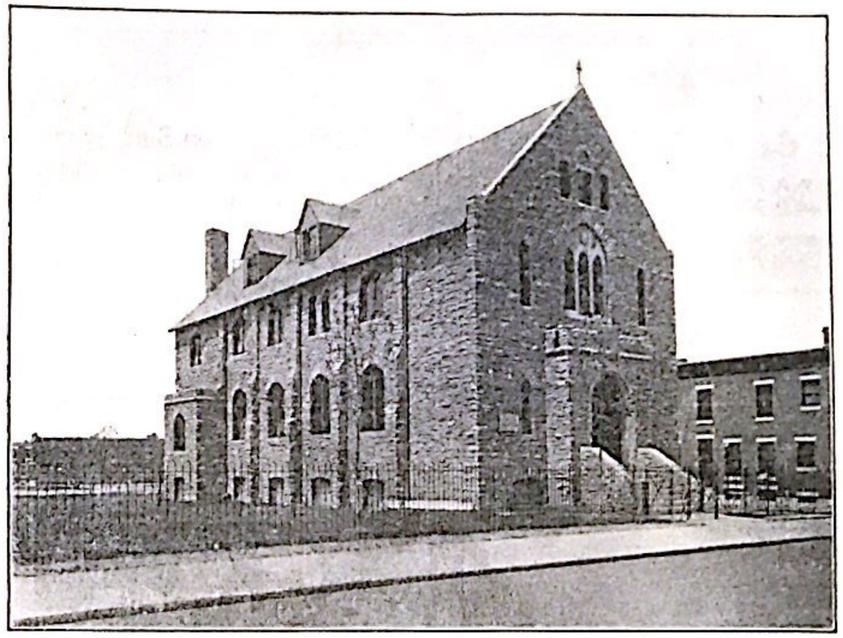
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efforts to accomplish great things. It is Christ who gives us the victory; but Christ who rose from the dead, who by overcoming death did open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

"This, my boy, is the reason why Easter is esteemed so highly, especially by those who know its meaning."

"Father," said the boy thoughtfully, "I shall try to live as if I am to die tomorrow, and die as if I am to live forever. Easter Day is my great reason for it."

"Good, my boy," replied the father, with a kiss and tears of joy in his eyes.

HOLY WEEK.

The week before Easter is called Holy Week. There will be evening services on Wednesday, Maundy-Thursday and Good Friday, at 8 o'clock.

BELL FUND.

Previously reported, $313. Received from Sunday School Class No. 3, $15; Miss A. B. Nicholson, $1; Mrs. Samuel Walton, $5; Miss H. Blanchard, $10; Unknown, $1; Mrs. Annie Walton, $1; Mrs. Susan Funk, $1; John Haas, 50c.; George Haas, 50c.; Herman Haas, 50c.; Mrs. Samuel L. Gallagher, $5; Arthur Merchant, $5; Miss Ethel Taylor, $1; Miss Edith Taylor, $1. Total, $360.50. There is still to be raised $239.50.

The bell has arrived and will be placed in position for Easter Day; but this is done in faith and with confidence that our people and friends will help to make up the deficit in due time. With this faith and confidence we hope to be able to summon our people to service and our children to Sunday School by the peals of the sweet church bell next Easter Day, when we shall all joyfully sing:

"Whene'er the sweet church bell
Peals over hill and dell,
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Oh, hark to what it sings,
As joyously it rings,
May Jesus Christ be praised!"

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Men's Club is making remarkable progress. It never lacks in interest. The fifteen-minute addresses by various members, under the rule of the good of the Club, have proved interesting and instructive. Among the speakers were Dr. Keller, and Messrs. Bauer, Chase and McGarvey. Plans have been formed for the improvement of the basement, and the getting of some furniture. A call for a baseball team has been issued. A monthly checker tournament has been inaugurated, and the quoit game is now ready for use.

An elaborate entertainment is being gotten up for the raising of money for the improvement of the meeting room. It is to take place in the Lithuanian Hall the first week in April.

Mr. Alex. McKinnon, a Brotherhood man, will lecture to the Club on the topic, "A Trip Across the Blue Pacific, and A Sojourn in the Hawaian Islands" on Thursday, March 17, soon after the business meeting at 8.45 o'clock. Ladies and friends are cordially invited.

The membership has reached the mark 60.

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EASTER.

"Father," said a thoughtful boy, "why does Easter Day occupy such a prominent place in our Church Calendar, and why do all the people regard it so much? It is a day from which other days and weeks are reckoned both before and after, and fills in many ways a large part of our life Surely, father, there must be some good reason back of all this." "Indeed, there is, my son," answered his father quickly, "I am very glad to have a boy who thinks enough to ask such questions, and who seeks to know the reason for things as they now are. For when we know the origin of things and their history, we also know to give to each one of them its proper value, and put upon it proper emphasis.

"On Easter Day the civilized world commemorates the day of the Resurrection, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. The details of this event are given by all the writers of the Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Although they differ in some details, as four men naturally would in giving a description of an event independently of one another, they all, with one accord, testify, as eye witnesses, to the main fact of the Resurrection. It took place on Sunday morning, and from that day on Sunday became known as the Lord's day; and the anniversary of His Resurrection became the most joyful and most comforting feast day in the life of Christian people.

"Formerly, it was called 'the great day.' It got its present name from the time Christianity was introduced among the Germanic people called Saxons. These heathen people believed in gods and goddesses. The name of one goddess was *Eostre*, whose festival was celebrated annually in the spring. When they became Christian they naturally transferred the name of Easter to 'the great day,' the day of the Resurrection. Moreover, in the spring every growing thing upon the earth comes to life and beauty after seeing death in the fall and winter. And because the heathen feast *Eostre* gave expression to this idea, the Saxon converts to Christianity quite naturally, by association of ideas, called the feast of the Resurrection Easter, which has been gradually adopted by all.

"But it is not the name, nor its history, that is of so much importance to the world. Infinitely more important to us is the meaning of Easter, as we now call it. What is more dreadful than death? And what is more joyful than that which conquers death? What is more precious than life? But think of the blessedness of life eternal. Think also of the beautiful lives led in this world through the hope, faith and assurance which spring from the Resurrection. Think of the courage, patience and endurance which come to us from the fact of the Resurrection in our

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
294, Feb. 6, Margaret Hindman Schad
295, Feb. 11, Ralph Arrison

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
144, Feb. 7, Edward Owens Blodgett
145, " " Matthew Greer
146, " " Jacob Duerr

The Dramatic Club has taken up its work in earnest. Six new members, four gentlemen and two ladies, have been enrolled. The prospects are very good for further increase of membership with talent. The general expression of the meeting was that the work of the Club should be carried on with still more diligence and regularity. May the 13th was the date chosen for the next play.

Class No. 3 of our Sunday School has realized $25 from their last entertainment, and gave $15 towards the Bell Fund.

Class No. 2, under the guidance of Miss Morey, their teacher, is doing faithful and effective work for an Easter offering.

St. George's Guild will have on sale a large assortment of fine Easter flowers for sale. Our people expecting to buy flowers can get them at some advantage by placing their orders with the officers or members of the Guild.

Parents will help their children greatly by reminding them from time to time of the Lenten boxes which they have received for their Sunday School Easter offering towards missions. No better lesson can be taught a child than the lesson of giving. The other lesson they will learn themselves soon enough.

CONFIRMATION DAY.

Our dear Bishop Whitaker has informed the minister that confirmation will take place in St. George's on the evening of the second Sunday after Trinity, June 5.

God has so much blessed us with good things that, as a congregation of loyal members of the church, we should each try to bring one more into His Household and under the influence of the church's teaching. This should be our manifestation of loyalty to the Father in Heaven. Perhaps the best way of winning souls for God is to show them by our conduct and life what God has done for each one of us; how He has sweetened our tempers, enlarged our hearts, broadened our

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With the opening of the new Library the University Extension Lectures will be delivered this year in the Library Lecture Hall. The dates and subjects will be announced to the public later.

sympathies, and raised our aspirations. Let our deeds speak for God, and our words for the good of our neighbor. Let our prayers be for the growth of our beloved church, for the increase of the Sunday school, for its teachers and officers, and for a goodly confirmation class. And let us thank God for the harmony which prevails among us, and the bright prospects and opportunities for work in His vineyard. And God shall bless us still more.

On the fifteenth of this month, in the evening, our new Public Library will formally be opened. There will be present a number of speakers, and the event promises to be long remembered by the people of Richmond.

THE OLD CHAPEL.

Early communion at 8.30 o'clock will be administered in the Old Chapel, Venango, every first Sunday of the month as long as people are desirous of enjoying its blessings.

The second Sunday afternoon in this month will be baptism Sunday at 4.30 o'clock, and the minister will be on hand to administer this sacrament. Our Lord said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

All boxes and packages sent for the store should be addressed to the minister at the Parish House. Our store, by the way, needs a few things.

LOYALTY AND PRAYER

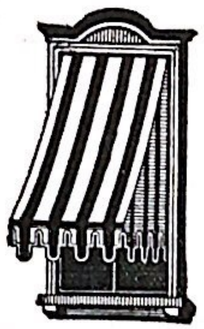
Abraham Lincoln once said: "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go to" It was prayer, then, that helped the greatest President of the last half century to remain loyal to principle, and hold to his convic ion. When our loyalty to the Church and the principles of our several working societies begin to waver may we also be driven by the Spirit of prayer; and scorn all the inducements of satan to betray our trusts, and neglect our duties. Abraham Lincoln's childlike testimony is worthy of accepttaion. But we have also the testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ to the same effect.

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We are greatly indebted to Mr. Chase, secretary of the Men's Club, for the work he has undertaken with the boys of the Hard Working Club on Friday evenings. Since their work under Miss Standish was transferred to Tuesday afternoons the boys were anxious to have an evening also of useful occupation.

We are all grateful also to Miss Emelyn Slaughter of Germantown who is kindly assisting Miss Standish in the Boys' Hardworking Club on Tuesday afternoon.

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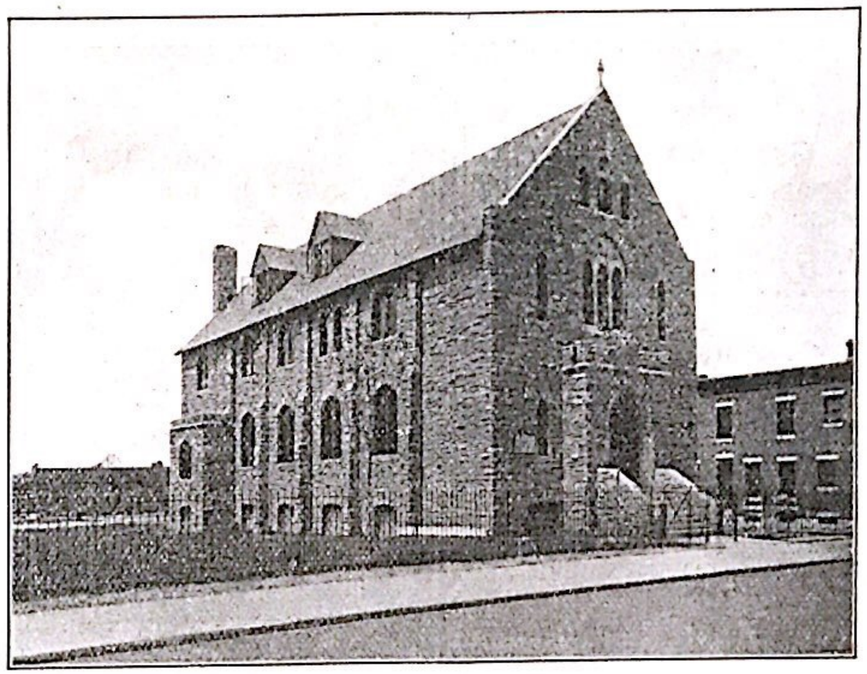
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Congratulations.

For the last eight years, that is, within the knowledge of the Visitor, there has never been in St. George's an Easter which has not added to the joy and congratulation of the Easter gone before. Easter Day just past found St. George's people better prepared to meet it than ever before. Even the sadness which naturally takes a hold of our hearts at the memory of members and friends departed this life, whose help and co-operation in the work here we can have no more, even this sadness has been sweetened and glorified both by the message of life everlasting and the temporal blessings of Easter just past.

As a congregation we have much to rejoice in. We rejoice in the sweet memories of those members and friends who now dwell in the house of God not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. We rejoice in the comradeship of fellow workers and in the fellowship and kindly help and sympathy of friends. We rejoice in extending our hospitality to visitors, and look forward with delight towards a closer bond of friendship with them. We rejoice in the steadfast growth of our congregation, the household of God, both in body and spirit. We rejoice in the increasing loyalty to St. George's of both parents and children, and in the gradual development of Christian character among the young. We rejoice in the coming Confirmation Day with its beautiful promises. And last, but not least, we rejoice in the peace, and harmony, and good will, and the spirit of unity which prevail throughout the whole body of our Church. Alleluia!

Easter Offerings.

Total amount received on Easter Day from the congregation and Sunday-school classes, $328.35. From the Sunday-school Lenten Offering, $45.88. From the Old Chapel Lenten Offering, $25. Total, $396.23. In the first amount are included offerings specified for the Bell Fund, and are given in detail under the Bell Fund contributions. There are some Easter and Lenten offerings to come which will be reported in the next issue. The contributions from societies to the Easter Offering are as follows: Mothers' Meeting (toward the Floor Fund), $75; St. George's Guild, $100; Class No. 12, Miss Fries, teacher, $5; Class No. 2, Miss Morey, teacher, $1; same for missions, $1; Boys' Hardworking Club, for coal, $6. This is a manifestation of the excellent spirit and loyalty of our people. See also the Bell Fund report.

Bell Fund.

Early Easter morning our new sweet church bell pealed forth its first summons to Easter Communion, and many came. Everybody thinks this bell a fine addition to the Church. It has, indeed, a sweet tone, and will no doubt remind kindly, yet forcibly, the people of the neighborhood of the hour of Divine worship; that hearing the summons they may come and worship God in spirit and in truth. This is the object of the Church Bell.

Previously reported, $360.50. Received from Woman's Auxiliary, St. Luke and Epiphany, $5; Margaret Hall, $5; Class 3, Miss Stewart, teacher, $9.50; Woman's Auxiliary, Epiphany Chapel, $5; Lester Felix, 50 cents; Leonora Gransback, 50 cents; Thomas Barlow, $5; Mrs. R. S. Eastman, $1; Mrs. Chamberlin, $10; Dr. George Woodward, $25; Mrs. C. Stuart Patterson, $1; Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, $5; Miss Laura Sachs, $1; Miss Josephine Sachs, $1; Mrs. D. Taylor, 50 cents; Alfred Abrahamson, $1; "A Friend," $2; Cash, $2; Misses Zebley, $5; Mrs. Sarah A. Cowell (In Memoriam), $3; Class 4, Miss Edith Taylor, teacher, $5; Master Harry Brailey, $1.15; Junior Auxiliary, $8; St. George's Guild, $20; Wm. M. McGowan, $2; Class 14, Mrs. Ratcliffe, teacher, $5; Primary Department, $2; John J. Duerr, Jr., 50 cents; Class 2, Miss Morey, teacher, $10; Egg Hunt by Miss Morey, $3.05; S. Woolsey and family, $1; Class 13, $2.05; Mrs. Kaufman, $1; "A Friend," $3; Boys' Hardworking Club, $5. Total, $517.25. Still too be raised, $82.75.

Items of Interest.

Too much praise cannot be given to our loyal choir, especially to those who have entered with heart into the work of the choir, and have made our Easter music so sweet and so helpful. It is uplifting, and adds a great deal to the spirit of Divine worship when the members of the choir do their best, and when they look at their part of Church work as their vocation and ministry. It is an honor to serve in a Church choir; but it also yields much pleasure throughout life to those who love the work and the performance of choir duty. We are in need of tenors. Apply to Mr. Carey, Organist and Choirmaster.

The first event bearing the spirit of Eastertide was the beautiful reception Tuesday, in Easter week, given by St. George's Guild to the Mothers' Meeting. The colloquial phrase, "good time," does not begin to express the joy and delight of this reception. Everybody was happy. The presence of Miss I. Linda Morey added a great deal to the enjoyment of the evening. It made one wish to have such occasions oftener.

We all regret the return of Miss Morey to her home in Royersford. During her stay here she has rendered valuable service in Church work, and has won the affection of both parents and children. Nearly all our societies will miss her, especially her class of 14 girls, who feel keenly the loss of her instruction and enthusiasm. We hope to see her back with us again, and we all wish her a joyful life.

It was certainly a most beautiful gathering of mothers and babies who assembled to celebrate their Easter Festival on Wednesday, Easter week, bringing with

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
296, Mar. 6, Lars Theodore Frederickson
297, " 10, Vincent Edward Frugoli
298, " 10, Florence May Frugoli
299, " 13, Eleanore Ruth Murphy
300, " 13, Gertrude May Hill
301, " 13, Katherine Sarah Hill
302, " 13, Elmer Frederick Seemueller
303, " 20, Lewis Horace Bond
304, " 17, Jane Woodworth Mullin

MARRIAGES

No.
53, Mar. 16 { Edward Christian Jensen / Vianna Heuges

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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
147, Mar. 29, Esther May Gallagher
148, " 31, Augusta Marie Edstrand

them their offerings for missions. There is only one thing that is more charming than a baby, and that is two babies; but when you look at a company of them you are reminded of the dear words of our Lord, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

To neglect the Baptism of a child is neither wise nor expedient. Think of the harm this neglect involves. When our Lord commands Baptism, who are we to question its wisdom or necessity? Should the child die before Baptism, the parents, already lukewarm to their Christian calling, try to soothe their conscience by the argument of Satan that Baptism is not necessary to salvation, though it be in direct opposition to the commandment of our Lord. If a child grows up to the age of discretion unbaptized, he or she is liable to be kept out of Church and its influences because unbaptized, and thus is more easily tempted to adopt Satan's argument just quoted; and thus begins a godless life and a churchless life, and where does it, as a rule, end? How often do we hear unbaptized people lay the charge of neglect to their parents! Think of the parents' responsibility before God!

What is said of Baptism applies, in a large measure, to Confirmation. These words are addressed to serious thinking parents and young people unconfirmed. Our authority is the Bible, the Book of Life containing the Word of God. "Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father, which is in Heaven; but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I deny before my Father, which is in Heaven." (St. Matt. 10: 32-33.) Read in connection with this Acts, Chapter 8, verses 14-17, and Chapter 19, verses 5-6; and the Epistle to the Hebrews, Chapter 6, verse 2. From these references you will see the reason for Confirmation as is carried out in our Church.

Let us pray and work for a large respectable Confirmation Class. The bishop will visit this Church June 5th.

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Confirmation Classes.

Beginning with the first Wednesday in this month, April 6th, Miss Standish will meet the junior candidates for instruction every Wednesday at 7.30 P. M. The adult candidates are requested to come to the Wednesday evening services, when the minister will deliver addresses on things pertaining to Confirmation. The information to be given is equally valuable to all Christian people, confirmed and unconfirmed, as well as those who do not intend to be confirmed. All are welcome to the Wednesday Evening Prayer Meetings at 8 o'clock.

Our people keenly feel the loss by death of two kind neighbors and friends. Mrs. Sarah A. Cowell departed this life March 15th. She was a good Christian woman, doing what she could both for God and men. She will be remembered long for her charity and broad sympathy among her neighbors, and for her faithfulness both in Church and at home.

Mrs. Augusta Marie Edstrand fell asleep March 28th. As she lived so she died, with a kindly smile on her face, though suffering greatly in her illness. Our neighbors will remember her for her goodness and kindliness of spirit and courtesy.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families in affliction. We wish them the strength and consolation which come from above in the hour of grief. And may the departed rest in peace.

It will help the Treasurer very much if our members and friends co-operate with him to make our envelope system still more efficient.

Regularity and thoughtfulness are two elements necessary to the success of the envelope system in contributing to the support of the Church. We have on hand a few sets of envelopes not yet taken. Those wishing to avail themselves of the privilege of contributing regularly to the support of this Church, will kindly apply to the Treasurer for a set of envelopes.

The Old Chapel.

The Sunday-school Festival Service was held Easter Day afternoon. Mr. Paul S. Atkins officiated, and addressed the children. The Lenten Offering for missions will amount to about $25, which is simply splendid. All praise is due to Miss Katherine C. Coulter, principal of the Sunday School. At the close of the beautiful service Easter eggs and souvenir crosses, bearing the Easter message, were distributed among the children.

On Tuesday evening, April 12th, a sociable will be held in the chapel basement, to which all members and friends are earnestly invited. Mr. Paul S. Atkins, in charge of the chapel, will propose some plans for the reorganization of the Chapel Guild and the carrying on more efficiently the work of the Chapel. Entertainment and refreshments will be some of the features of the sociable.

The February entertainment brought $25 to the Chapel treasury.

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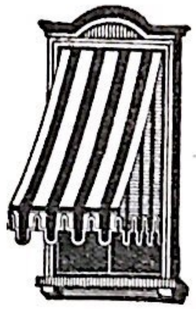
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The envelopes for the weekly offering for the new year are now ready, and can be secured from Mr. Barnes or Mr. Atkins. It is desirable that our people adopt this means of helping the Church, and make themselves responsible for a stated amount according to their ability.

It is hoped that a Confirmation Class may be shortly formed for the Chapel. Those desirous of becoming members of this class and get the spiritual benefits which Confirmation offers, should speak to Mr. Atkins at once.



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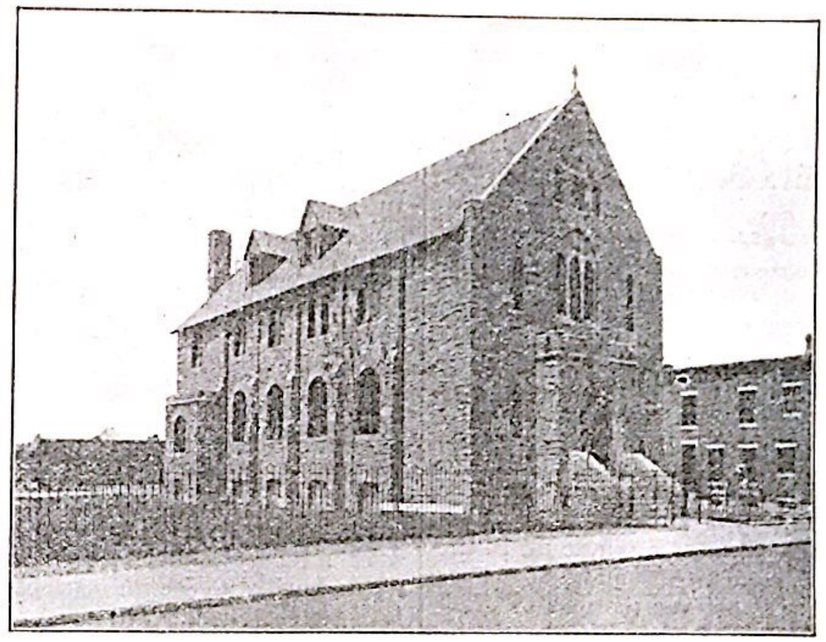
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A Call.

This is a call to you, my friend, and it is a call from God. In this busy life there are many calls clamoring for your attention, like the venders in a noisy and crowded market place, or a wheat pit in the stock exchange building, where each is trying vociferously to draw a buyer. You, my friend, are the buyer. Beware how you spend your capital. The market is full of counterfeit things as well as of real things. Many things are worthless, and some are much worse than worthless, they are positively injurious. Your capital, no matter how rich you may be, is limited. Your capital is not money, but "days and moments quickly flying," and you may spend it in the life-market unawares for things worthless, or deadly; or you may buy thoughtfully the things which give character and what the Gospel terms Eternal Life.

And just as careful examination helps us to distinguish the real thing from the counterfeit, so will appeal to conscience, my friend, help you to discern a call from God amidst the clamors of the false and the misleading.

There is to be a Confirmation Day in this dear Church. This Church has proved to you its usefulness. It is engaged in the best work on earth, in building, and helping to build up, Christian character; to make life more cheerful, more useful, and more helpful to all. If you approve of such work, this Church wants your service and co-operation. It calls upon you to join its ranks. Will you let this call pass unheeded? Have you any reasonable ground, a ground that will stand on "the day of judgment?" Have you such a ground for not availing yourself of this opportunity offered you now in all sincerity? There is no doubt, this *call* is from God. Your own conscience tells you this. The Church needs you. St. George's people in love welcome you. The Pastor extends his hand to you. Will you not come?

What Is Confirmation?

What is confirmation? Come to our Sunday evening services, and to Wednesday evening prayer meetings, and hear what confirmation really is. And if you can not come, have a talk with the minister privately at any convenient time. And if you have not the time get the small tracts we have for distribution and read them at your leisure. You certainly should know what confirmation is, and what it means, even if you do not intend to be confirmed. But if you do either of these things, please consider the following:

1. Confirmation is *not* joining the Church. You have joined the Church of God when you were baptized. Baptism makes you a member of the Church. All baptized people are members of the Christian Church. In baptism they were *Christ-ened*.

2. The Scriptural term for confirmation is "laying on of hands," just as baptism is the Scriptural term for Christening. This religious ceremony of the laying on of hands, or confirmation, has been used in the very beginning of the Christian Church. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles, which is the first record of the beginning and growth of the Church, shows that those who were confirmed were Apostles, not Deacons, or Presbyters. (See Acts 8: 14-17, also Acts 19: 5-6, and Hebrews, 6:2.) After the Apostles, confirmation was administered by Bishops. Bishops were chosen to take the place of the Apostles in leadership and the oversight of churches. The term bishop means overseer. Trusting to the wisdom of the Apostles and their immediate successors in the early Church, the Episcopal Church prefers confirmation by Bishops. The words *Episcopos* and *Bishop* mean one and the same thing. This is why our Church is known as Episcopal, and its members are called Episcopalians.

3. Confirmation does not impose new obligations, but is a means of helping you to keep the old. These obligations no one can shirk without positive injury to himself and others. Confirmation is an expression on your part of an earnest desire to keep and perform your Christian obligations. You may do this in various ways, but is it not reasonable to do this in the way used by the Church from the beginning? Confirmation, when accepted in earnest, gives you the strength and inspiration to cope with human weaknesses, and such spiritual help for which the soul yearns.

4. Confirmation is not a verbal or written examination of questions and answers. It is a simple matter of the heart. The only question the Bishop asks is:

"Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that ye made, or that was made in your name, at your baptism; ratifying and confirming the same; and acknowledging yourselves bound to believe and to do all these things which ye then undertook, or your sponsors then undertook for you?"

And your answer is: *"I do."*

But this answer, "I do," is everything. It means effort, struggle, in the building up of Christian character by faith and good works. What man, desirous of living a truly Christian life, can reasonably decline to give this answer to this question?

What Is To Be Done?

This should be the question uppermost in the mind and heart of every man, woman and child who is interested in the welfare of St. George's. The welfare of St. George's means the welfare of our whole neighborhood. The question therefore should be, to put it more correctly, "What should I do to make St. George's still greater in influence?" We have at present a staff of faithful workers doing their best, but they want the co-operation of the others. There is a proposition which is being taken up by our men and women as to the formation of an Adult Bible Class

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
305.	April	10,	William John Gibbs
306,	"	10,	Anna Helen Herz
307,	"	10,	Conrad Braitmaier
308,	"	10,	Lillian May Braitmaier
309.	"	10,	Emily Braitmaier
310,	"	10,	Wm. Frederick Braitmaier
311,	"	24,	Frank Tyson Booth

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.			
149,	April	7,	Elwood V. Alexander
150,	"	19,	William H. Patterson
151,	"	20,	Emma Murphy
152,	"	26,	Maud James

in our Sunday school. This is no doubt a great enterprise in the sight of God. The value of a Bible class is inestimable. Its influence for good is far reaching. We ought to start it right if at all. We pray earnestly that this proposition may soon be realized.

There is also a noble movement on foot for the improvement of the choir. Our young people who have the welfare of the Church at heart are seriously thinking of giving their talents more liberally to the work of the choir. We have no money to buy singers for making the worship of God beautiful in holiness; and if we had, it is doubtful if a voluntary choir is not after all the ideal choir, and more pleasing to God. We have enough young people who can be taught to sing well enough. It is to them that we make our appeal: Will you not make our choir worthy of our Church? Let this be your work for the Church.

Items of Interest.

The VISITOR will be glad to act as an employment bureau for those who want help and those who want work. We shall be glad to print freely "Help Wanted" and "Situation Wanted" ads. Especially shall we welcome inquiries from those who are in need of help. Through our various societies and guilds we may be able satisfactorily to supply the demand. We were led to this idea by a gentleman who asked the VISITOR if he knew of a man able to fill a steady position at $2.50 a day. We trust the VISITOR may thus be made useful in finding a proper place for the proper person.

The Rubber Social, given by St. George's Guild, April 22, was a decided success. The net proceeds will probably come up to $15. One of the entertaining features was the charming cabbage patch. We are indebted to Miss McWhinney, Miss Pennell, and Miss Edna Kauffman for adding materially to the general enjoyment of the occasion.

Our whole congregation and friends should remember the date, June 7; for on this day, the first Tuesday in June, our Parish Guild will meet. We would advise that representatives of all our societies, guilds and clubs form a committee

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and devise some program of interest. The next Parish Guild meeting should be made memorable. Every society should be ready with its report. The minister has an interesting report to make, and wishes to present some propositions for future activity. Remember Tuesday, June 7, at 8 p. m.

To Missions.

Sunday school Lenten Offering $34.75, of which the Old Chapel Sunday school gave $22.32.

Women's Auxiliary united offering, $10.01.

Junior Auxiliary to General Missions, $5.

Babies' Branch, $8.50.

These contributions are splendid, but we hope to do even better next year.

The Sunday school scholars who contributed to Lenten Offering 40 cents and over are as follows, beginning with the highest in order: Edith Schada, May Bingham, Mildred Dool, Harry Davis, Sadie Bingham, Samuel Lake, Ethel Clemens, Edward Harler, Joseph Hess, Elmer Edwards, Laura L. George, George Keller, Charles Saybolt, George Walters, Marian Moffet, Janetta Walters.

Bell Fund.

Previously reported, $517.25. Received from Boys' Hardworking Club, $1; Miss Olive Brown, $1; John W. McKinley, $1; Alfred C. Harrison, $180 ($100 of this was included in the $517.25). Total collected, $600.25. The price of the bell is $570. Expense of its erection, $152. Total cost, $722. One-third of the expense of erection was due to replacing of the tin roofing, which was found to be rotten in places, by copper roofing, in which the bell frame was to rest. We regret the error made in the last report. At this writing we find still a deficit of $121.75. Please excuse the reporter and help the minister in raising this amount. The bell has proved a decided force in the edification of our mission. All our neighbors praise its tone.

Floor Fund.

Our Mothers' Meeting has started the Floor Fund with $75. A splendid beginning. Our Men's Club have pledged themselves to make up the balance and have the floor placed in the basement.

The Men's Club have placed a first-class pool table and double shuffleboard in the basement, and both are used abundantly almost every evening in the week. The men have proved themselves workers, and their officers capable leaders. Their entertainment for the benefit of the Floor Fund will be given Wednesday evening, May 4, at the Lithuanian Hall, Allegheny avenue and Salmon street. They have gotten up a magnificent program. Tickets, 25 cents. Admission fee for children, 15 cents.

The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew gave $5 and the Men's Club $10 towards the Gas Fund. Thus we shall be able to meet the U. G. I. bills with less anxiety.

A Prayer.

We suggest the following prayer to be used daily by our people from now till Confirmation Day:

"Heavenly Father, grant that Thy Holy Spirit may guide men and women into the way of truth; and that on our Confirmation Day we may see a goodly copmany of our neighbors and friends ratify and confirm their baptismal vows for the good of the Church and to the glory and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

We have on hand, not yet taken up, twenty sets of envelopes used for weekly contributions. We should be glad to receive applications for them from those who are desirous of being enrolled as regular contributors.

WANTED.—Men and women for the choir. Also teachers and workers in the Sunday school. The minister is always ready to receive applications for work of all kinds.

Old Chapel.

The officers of the Chapel Guild are: C. A. Vogt, President; Paul S. Atkins, Vice-President, and Charles G. Barnes, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers of the newly formed Dramatic Club are: Miss Elizabeth Buckley, President; C. A. Vogt, Vice-President; Charles G. Barnes, Secretary and Treasurer, and Paul S. Atkins, Director.

Games such as bean bag, ring toss, etc., will be very acceptable and thankfully received.

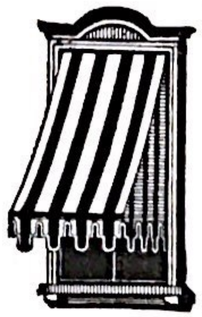
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The Kindergarten.

There are on the list now about fifty-seven little ones. There is an average daily attendance of at least thirty-five. The work has proved of inestimable value to all concerned. Our Sunday school is greatly increased through the work of the Kindergarten, and the splendid service of the young women at the head of each of these departments. Mr. Henry W. Marston, the treasurer of the Kindergarten, tells us of a deficit of $50 for this year ending June 30. The mothers of the Kindergarten pupils raise about $150 a year. They may do better next year. Will some one help us to make up this present deficit? Contributions may be sent to us, or to Mr. Henry W. Marston, Land Title Building.

All our children, teachers and congregation join us in a hearty congratulation to our dear Bishop Whitaker on his eightieth birthday, May 10. May God give him many more years to enjoy the fruit of his labors, the goodly increase of the Church which he has served so faithfully.

Visitors are kindly requested to hand to the minister their names and addresses, if they wish him to visit their homes. He would much appreciate any information of cases requiring a pastoral call.



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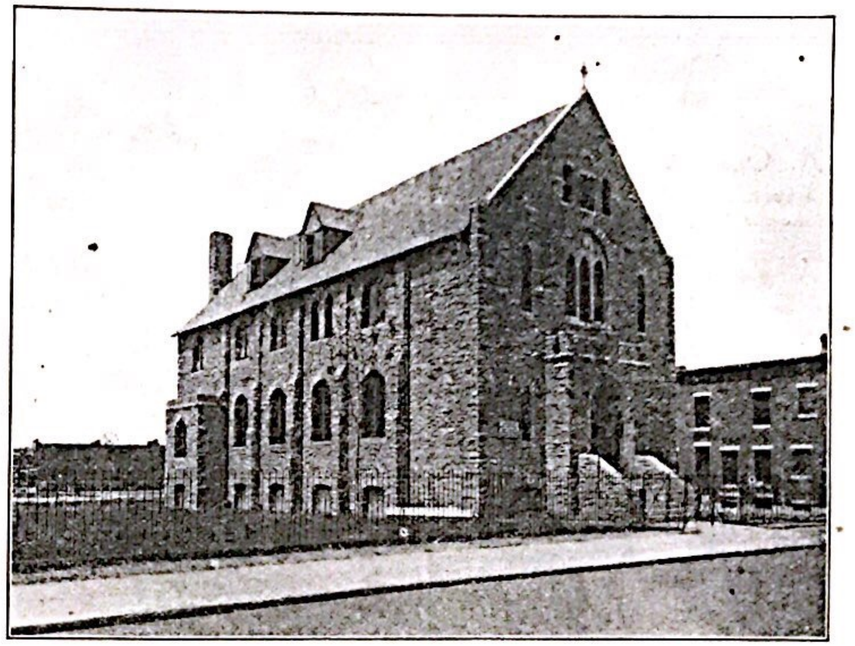
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Thus we have the legend of the Holy Grail handed down from time past. The "Grail" is the cup which our Lord Christ used at the last supper with His Apostles, and which contained the wine to which He referred as "my Blood of the New Testament which is shed for you, and many, for the remission of sins." According to legend Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy Jew and member of the Sanhedrim, the supreme court in Jerusalem, and who was one of the gentlemen who helped to take down from the Cross the body of our Lord Jesus and furnished the cave in which He was buried, this "good and righteous man," who "was looking for the Kingdom of God," preserved the cup, and received into it some of the blood of Jesus at the Crucifixion. Later he brought it to England, but it disappeared. Since then many knights, the Knights of the Round Table, went in search of it; and though each of the 150 knights saw it, it always vanished at the approach of an impure heart and unholy conduct.

James Russell Lowell, the great American poet, utilized this legend in his sublime poem, "The Vision of Sir Launfal." This noble knight one summer day takes the following vow:

"My golden spurs now bring to me,
And bring to me my richest mail,
For to-morrow I go over land and sea
In search of the Holy Grail;
Shall never a bed for me be spread,
Nor shall a pillow be under my head,
Till I begin my vow to keep;
Here on the rushes will I sleep."

While he slept he dreamed that he was leaving his ancient castle on his steed in full armor in quest of the Holy Grail; not to return till he find it. As he was about to leave the gate, he came suddenly upon a crouching leper,

"Who begged with his hand and moaned as he sate;
And a loathing over Sir Launfal came;
The sunshine went out of his soul with a thrill,
The flesh 'neath his armor' gan shrink and crawl,
And midway its leap his heart stood still
Like a frozen waterfall;
For this man, so foul and bent of stature,
And seemed the one blot on the summer morn,—
So he tossed him a piece of gold in scorn."

The leper ignored the money, and would not pick it up, and as Sir Launfal rode off the leper was heard to say:

"Better to me the poor man's crust,
Better the blessing of the poor,
Though I turn me empty from his door;
That is no true alms which the hand can hold;
He gives only the worthless gold
Who gives from a sense of duty;
But he who gives but a slender mite,
And gives to that which is out of sight,
That thread of the all-sustaining Beauty
Which runs through all and doth all unite,—
The hand cannot clasp the whole of His alms,
The heart outstretches its eager palms,
For a god goes with it and makes it store
To the soul that was starving in darkness before."

In this dream Sir Launfal sees himself for many years a pilgrim through strange lands in search of the Holy Grail. At last after a dismal failure he finds himself one bitter wintry day at the gate of his castle. He came back an old, worn out and frail, broken-hearted poor man, bereft of everything; all his property in the hands of another.

"But deep in his soul the sign he wore,
The badge of the suffering and the poor"

As he sat weary, on a cold rock, bent forward, his rough walking stick supporting his thin hands and chin, he suddenly beheld the same leper crouching beside him and feebly saying: "For Christ's sweet sake, I beg an alms." This time the noble knight did not scorn the leper. He thought of the crucified Christ with the wounds in His hands, and feet, and side, and answered kindly: "Behold, through Him, I give to thee!" As the leper rose to receive, Sir Launfal saw he was the same beggar to whom he flung in scorn the piece of gold when, young and rich, he started out in quest of the Holy Grail.

"The heart within him was ashes and dust;
He parted in twain his single crust,
He broke the ice on the streamlet's brink
And gave the leper to eat and drink,
'Twas a mouldy crust of coarse brown bread,
'Twas water out of a wooden bowl,—
Yet with white wheaton bread was the leper fed,
And 'twas red wine he drank with his thirsty soul."

Then Sir Launfal beheld the leper suddenly transfigured into the risen Lord, "shining and tall and fair and straight," who spoke with a voice "softer than silence:"

'Lo, it is I, be not afraid!
In many climes, without avail
Thou hast spent thy life for the Holy Grail;
Behold, it is here,—this cup which thou
Didst fill at the streamlet for me but now
This crust is my body broken for thee,
This water his blood that died on the tree;
The Holy Supper is kept, indeed,
In whatso we share with another's need
Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare;
Who gives himself with his alms feed three,
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and me."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

While thinking of giving, we praise God for those members of our various societies who devote part of their time and life to the work of the church; they are giving themselves to help others into the Kingdom of God. There is hardly a guild or society in this church that does not offer such an opportunity to all who love God.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
312, May 5, Louzetta Bertha Tribett
313, " 8, Sarah Elizabeth Braitmaier
314, " 8, Ida May Stier
315, " 8, Henry William Herbsleb
316, " 27, Lottie Crabtree Winterstine
317, " 29, Rose Mary Toomey

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

No.
54, May 10, John S Janson and Ida Sodahl
55, May 22, Henry P. Petry and Essie W Talley

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
153, May 5, Emma J. Shumaker
154, " 12, Eliza Taylor

chapel was the entertainment given by the children of St. George's Kindergarten under the guidance of their teacher, Miss Ethel A. Ott, May 20, and by request repeated May 27. It was very successful in every way. Besides the financial help thus received for the Kindergarten for whose benefit the entertainment was given, the display of talent and intelligence by the little ones as a result of training, and the enthusiasm of their parents and neighbors thus kindled, have more than justified all the care and expense given, and appeal most strongly and convincingly for continued sympathy and material aid.

Car barn services at the Richmond and Allegheny terminal will begin June 12 at 2.30 P. M. Volunteers are called for from our Brotherhood Chapters and Men's Club to help in the singing of hymns. Please apply to the minister.

A most lovely reception was given to the Mothers' Meeting at St. George's Guild on May 12 at the home of Mrs. Joseph R. Rhoads, Overbrook.

The threatening weather kept some from going, but twenty-five of our women were present, and met some of the women of St. Andrew's Mission. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Henry W. Marston and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, of St. Paul's, Overbrook, and Mrs. David E. Williams, of St. Asaph's, Bala. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock, and the rest of the afternon was spent in sight-seeing and games. The winners were decorated with garlands of flowers plucked from the bushes. It is needless to say that the rector of St. Asaph's, Bala, and the Visitor, who were pressed into the games, failed to get a prize. It was almost an ideal day; and our women will never forget the atmosphere of Christian kindliness and

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friendship which they breathed there.

St. George's Guild will give an ice cream festival for the benefit of the Church on Friday evening, June 24. A hearty invitation is extended to our congregation and friends.

Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur E. Newbold the old chapel has been furnised with a beautiful set of prayer book, hymnal and altar service book; also with a beautifully carved collection plate.

MEN'S CLUB.

St. George's Men's Club will attend evening service in a body Sunday, June 12. It is understood that members bring their families. They are to assemble in the choir room at 7.15. Service begins at 7.30.

The Visitor will gladly act as a medium between those who need workers and those who need work. Apply either in person or by mail to the Visitor. We print 600 copies of the Visitor every month.

On Sunday evening, June 5, the Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Kinsman, D.D., visited this church and confirmed twenty-five persons. This Confirmation Class is God's blessing to the Church, and has come to us in answer to prayer. It is a company of young and older people of splendid quality, which goes to make the Church of God stronger and the influence of evil weaker.

The following have received laying on of hands: Alfred Abrahamson, Caroline Alexander, Margaret Atger, Paul Atger, George Bauer, Sr., Mrs. George Bauer, George Bauer, Jr., Mrs. Thomas Clay, Harry Davis, Jacob Saylor Fluck, Mrs. Jacob Saylor Fluck, Margaret Hall, Robert Simpson Kerland, Ferdinand Koehler, May [illegible]Coach, Lillian Moffatt, Halfton Pedersen, Emma Pedrick, Paul Pogson, Catherine Sachs, Laura Sachs, Josephine Sachs, Mrs. Charles Seifert, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mrs. William White.

The Old Chapel Mothers will give a block party on Venango street, Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, for the benefit of the Chapel Kindergarten. These mothers have always made a success of any undertaking for the benefit of the little ones, and we are looking with confidence and much pleasure toward the block party.

The Visitor was very much pleased and entertained at the last Kindergarten Mothers' Social, Monday, June 6, held in the afternoon, at the old chapel. It was a happy gathering of mothers and children. The entertainment given by the little ones was most delightful and made everybody happy.

Wanted, two tenors for the choir. Apply to Mr. Carey, organist and choirmaster. We were very pleased with the praise Bishop Kinsman gave our choir on Confirmation Sunday. Loyalty is the secret of a choir's success.

The G. F. S. had a delightful social meeting June 6. Loyalty is the secret of success in the Girls' Friendly Society.

We would remind coal depositors of the old and true saying: "Make hay while the sun shines." As applied to our Coal Savings Fund it reads: "Make your deposits during the summer, and get your coal in early. You will get better service."

BELL FUND.

In our last issue we explained the existence of a deficit of $121.75 in the Bell Fund. Received since, from William MacDonald, $5; Class No. 2, $1; William H. Sauer, $5. Still to be raised, $110.75.

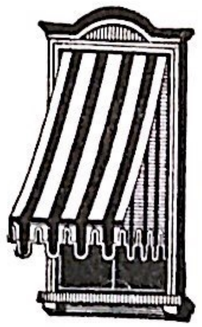
Friends of St. George's are kindly asked to send for our monthly sales in our store, anything salable, clothes, shoes, etc. We can make excellent use of them.

PARISH GUILD QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Parish Guild meeting, held June 7, was a decided success. Mr. Turkheimer was chosen secretary pro tempore in the absence of Mr. Commo. The reports from the various societies were very gratifying. They nearly all showed advancement and growth. The Men's Club, though the latest and youngest in time of existence, showed a membership of sixty-five in good standing, and over $100 in the treasury. Limited space does not permit to enumerate the merits of each organization; but they each showed a marked fitness for the place they occupy in Church work. The treasurer reported the receipts for the last six month, $1,143.49; disbursements, $1,553.24; 27 baptisms, 25 confirmed, and 11 communicants by transfer, making the present number of communicants 247. There are only 162 sets of envelopes out, and the treasurer appealed for co-operation in the effort of increasing our weekly contributions. There was present a large gathering, and a good showing of men. Piano solos were rendered by Masters Walter Seifert and Elisha Bingham, and a recitation by Miss Jennie Jacobs. Members of the Dramatic Club closed the delightful program with a truly comic sketch very well given. May we all meet again on the first Tuesday of September, our next quarterly.

Get ready for our Sunday School picnic to Burlington Island Park, July 28. We have been promised special accommodations. A program of sports exceeding all previous records is in store for all. Tickets for adults, 35 cents; for children, 15 cents; babies free.

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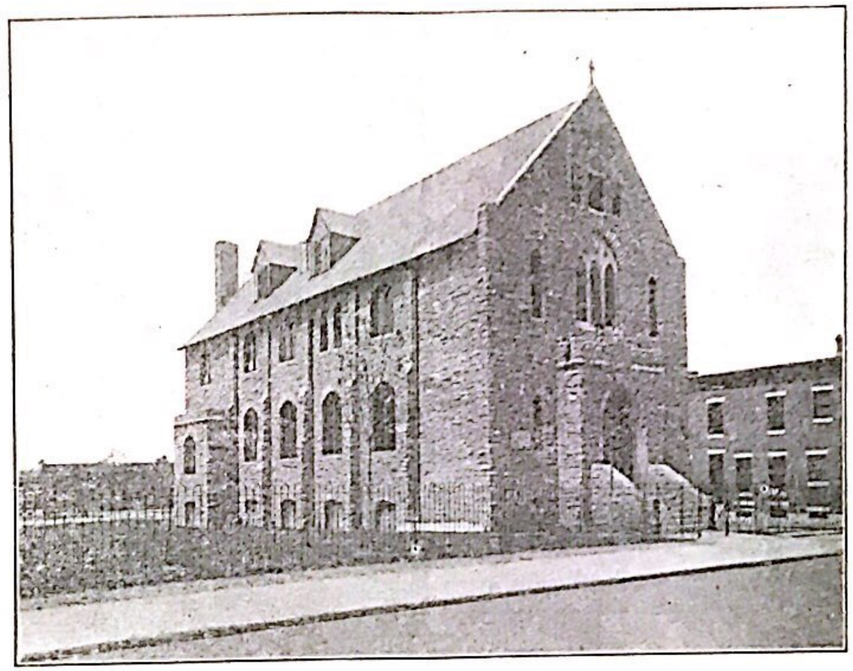
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THE CHURCH.

Does it ever occur to you, dear reader, to count the number of times the word "Church" is used or referred to in conversation and writing?

Have you observed closely the general character of the people who use seriously the word "Church" more often than others?

On your trolley rides and daily walks have you counted the number of Churches and places of worship?

And have you ever thought of the large place Church takes up in civilized life?

If you can answer "Yes" to these questions, are you prepared to give the reasons for these existing facts?

Remember that the Visitor is a privileged character. He is likely to drop in on you any time; and without any introduction start a conversation on any subject. He may find you at mealtime, just returned from work, tired and hungry. He may find you busily occupied in meeting problems of your own, or planning some enterprise of pleasure or profit. Or, he may find you in an unpleasant mood due to some domestic discord, or some words with your neighbor. Please do not mind the infelicity of the occasion if the Visitor should bluntly ask you: "Friend, can you give me your definition of Church, a word so commonplace and occupying so much room in the conversation and the literature of civilization?

It is good, sometimes, at least, to turn away from eating the apple and study the apple tree. Who and what then is the Church?

But before you give your answer kindly permit the Visitor to express his idea upon the subject, and then see if it corresponds with your own.

The Church is a body of men and women *who confess that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ who in the fulness of time appeared as the Saviour of the world.* Or, we might say the whole body of Christians.

We read in the book of The Acts of the Apostles that on the day on which St. Stephen was stoned to death "there arose a great persecution against the Church which was in Jerusalem." Sometimes the word Church means "congregation." Thus we read of the Church at Jerusalem, the Church at Antioch. St. Paul, we are told in The Acts, "Went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches" (15: 41). The two letters, or Epistles, of St. Paul to the Corinthians are addressed "unto the church of God which is at Corinth." It may be of interest to note by the way that in addressing his Epistle to the Romans the word Church is not mentioned; but "all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints." Nor is St. Peter mentioned in the whole letter. It was the invariable custom of St. Paul to greet the bishops and ministers of the Churches, and quite often by name. "Salute Prisca and Aquilla my fellow workers in Christ Jesus unto whom not only I give thanks; but also all the churches of the Gentiles; and salute the church that is in their house." Then follows a long list of names, each one of them receives a separate greeting; but neither St. Peter nor Holy Father is mentioned.

Sometimes the sum of single congregations is called the Church. St. Paul writes to the Ephesians: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it." (5: 25.) Our Lord, speaking to St. Peter and referring to the sure and eternal foundation of the Church, said: "Thou art Peter (Peter meaning rock), and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16: 18). The word Church here evidently refers to the sum of all the churches, and has no special reference to the Church that is at Rome. It does refer to the Church Catholic, which means Universal.

The word Church is often used also to mean the *ideal* Church, that is, the Kingdom of God, the real Brotherhood of Men and Fatherhood of God. This is the object, the ultimate end, towards which the *actual* Church, God's Household, is working its way. It is the *rock* on which the Church is founded, and to which our Lord referred when speaking to St. Peter. The actual Church of the present generation is imperfect, but it is founded on an ideal against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. Institutions based upon eternal verities will live as long as eternal verities live. Our imperfect democratic form of government lives and prospers as it does because it draws its life from the ideal democracy which cannot down. Ideal democracy springs from the ideal Church. This ideal Church expresses itself in the Sacraments and Public Worship of the actual Church. Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Church Services are most essential to the realization of the things which our souls love best, the realization of the ideal Church, the Kingdom of God on earth.

May I ask you one more question, dear reader, What in the face of this awful fact are your obligations and responsibilities?

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Block Party which the people of Venango gave for the benefit of the Kindergarten was a great success in every way. It was certainly a great manifestation of the love of the people for St. George's Kindergarten and Miss Ethel A. Ott, the teacher. The proceeds of the children's entertainment and the Block Party will exceed $100.

Our Old Chapel congregation is getting ready also for Morning Services. Holy Communion is administered every first Sunday in the month at the Old Chapel at 8.30 a. m.

Through the kindness of Mr. Arthur E. Newbolt a new, beautiful Lectern has been added to the Chapel furniture.

St. George's, Richmond, is marching on. We wish for weather conducive to Churchgoing; one that is neither hot nor cold, wet nor dry—a sort of weather that will

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
318, June 12, Robert Ransom Williamson
319, " 12, Beatrice Jones
320, " 19, Ethel Ott Kerr
321, " 24, Thomas Drinkwater
322, " 26. Nellie May Busler
323, " 26, Walter Raymond Busler
324, " 26, George Warren Busler
325, " 26, Edith Sadie Busler
326, " 27, Theodore Gustave Craft

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

No.
56, June 7, { James Gorman and Mary Gillespie
57, June 29, { William P. Guckes and Luzene P. Phillips

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
155, June 29, Theodore Gustave Craft
156, June 30, Leonard Kessler DeMasse

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more than comfortably suit all sorts and conditions of men and women, in order that no possible hindrance or obstacle whatsoever may be in the way of those who ought to attend divine worship on one day in seven, the Lord's Day, that they may hear His Word and do His Commandments.

The Mother's Meeting and St. George's Guild will have their annual Picnic in the Park on August 4th.

We have a Class No. 3 in Sunday School which is remarkable for accomplishments in the way of raising funds for the Church. It is a well-known fact that this is one convincing evidence of one's love for the Church. We trust its members will keep up their reputation and never weary in well-doing.

St. George's Guild will give a Block Party for the benefit of the Church Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20. Our neighbors have always been ready to help and most courteous in word and deed. We trust in their never-ceasing kindness and Christian fellowship.

Two things our congregation should be looking forward to with prayer: a well organized and devoted body of Sunday School teachers, a Teachers' Institute; and an Adult Bible Class. Let us hope and pray that both may come by next fall.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

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BELL FUND.

Last reported deficit $110.75. Received from Mrs. George Busler $1. Still to be raised, $109.75.

In the moving of Mrs. Wm. J. Ratcliffe and family to Trenton, N. J., this Church has lost a most faithful Sunday School teacher, devout parishioner and zealous worker. We feel keenly her absence and the absence of her two children; and we wish her and family prosperity in the new residence.

The treasurer in charge of the weekly contributions by envelope is anxious to have his records clear. He would be glad to receive all arrears. Moneys also received from the sale of excursion tickets should be turned over to the treasurer as soon as received. Compliance with this request will lighten the treasurer's burden considerably and will be much appreciated.

On page 281 of our Prayer Book at the very beginning of the Order for the Visitation of the Sick the following direction is given: "*When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish.*" This rubric was doubtless placed in the Prayer Book for the benefit of both people and pastor. The Minister, however, does not wait to be called if he happens to know of the sickness. But he cannot always know without being informed. He is very grateful to those who keep him informed of cases where he can be of any service.

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The Minister expects to be away during the month of August. The Rev. George G. Miller will officiate in his place. Those in need of pastoral care in the month of August, in case of sickness or death, will please inform Miss Standish, and a clergyman will be supplied.

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In these days of ballooning (excuse the slang) and flying up in the air, St. George's expects to observe a quiet and dignified Fourth of July by a balloon ascension from our beautiful lawn sometime between 7 and 8 P. M. We believe in this method of celebrating, because it makes us LOOK UP. This is good in patriotism as well as in religion.

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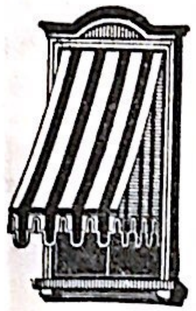
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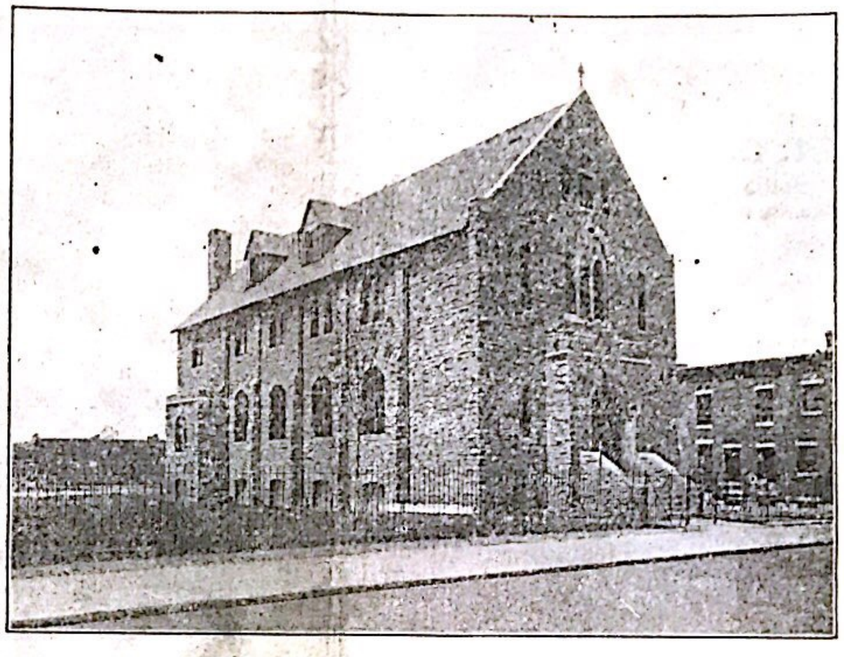
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Some Sayings of Our Lord.

We regard with profound respect and admiration the wise sayings of great men, should we not more so with reverence regard the sayings of the Son of Man and the Son of God? United States Senator Albert J. Beveridge, a clean, practical business man, wrote a little book, entitled "The Bible as Good Reading." In its closing chapter Senator Beveridge says: "Our Lord needs no interpreter . . . read the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth as given in the gospels—just as you read them for yourself. That's all I suggest. And take my word for it, you'll not find them dull." It is this thought that leads the VISITOR to quote to you, dear reader, some sayings of our Lord, trusting that they will inspire you to the reading of the gospels themselves:

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him alone shalt thou serve."

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. . . . He that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God."

"Whoso drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life."

"True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. God is a Spirit."

"I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness."

"Blessed are the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers: they shall be called the sons of God."

"Be ye merciful even as your Father is merciful."

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also."

"If the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other."

"Be not anxious, saying, What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewithal shall we be clothed? But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

"Cast out first the beam that is in thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye."

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you."

"Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

"Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter thereby. Narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that find it."

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

"Every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, which built his house upon the rock; but every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

"If a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."

"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."

"Fear not: only believe."

"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

"Every one who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

"This is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life."

"What doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? What should a man give in exchange for his soul?'

"There shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, thoug'\ he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die."

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

"Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Items of Interest.

A well-known lover of children, Mr. O. LaForrest Perry, familiar to all as the "Lemon Hill Man," has offered a free and royal treat to five hundred Richmond children, provided St. George's undertook the management of it.

Needless to say we accepted the offer. On August 20, on a Saturday, *all children* from 6 to 14 should gather on corner of East Thompson and Indiana avenue at 11.50 a. m. sharp. Five special cars will be on hand at that corner on the minute of 12.30 p. m. The children must

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
327,	July	1,	Margaret Nickle Noble
328,	"	3,	Dorotha Buckley
329,	"	3,	Orion Loeser
330,	"	4,	Florence May Kettle
331,	"	11,	Elmer Bachman
332.	"	11,	Viola Elizabeth Noble
333,	"	17,	Vera Marie Bowker
334,	"	20,	Norman Turkheimer
335,	"	31,	Florence Anna Hartz

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.			
157,	July	6,	Mary Nickle Noble
158,	"	11,	William J. Duncan
159,	"	22,	Viola Elizabeth Noble
160,	"	22,	Frederick Ludlow
161,	"	25,	May Slater

be on hand at 11.50, as each child must be tagged, so that none is lost.

We need fifteen adults, men and women, three to a car, who are to act as caretakers. The children will be taken to Lemon Hill free of charge, and be received there by a committee, headed by Mr. Perry. They will be given the benefit of the merry-go-around and other amusements and games, and treated to a 10-cent delicious ice cream, and at the end of the day will be brought back home in safety. Children can go as they are. No extra fitting up is necessary.

We desire ninety-six children and three caretakers to a car. No more. Volunteers please apply to the office, Indiana avenue and Livingston street. If the weather is bad the picnic will be postponed to the following Saturday.

Our Sunday School Excursion.

Our excursion to Burlington Island Park, July 28, was the largest we have had. There were at least 1,400 men, women and children. It was a glorious day. God heard the prayers of the children. And, oh, the babies! Did they not enjoy the ride on the boat and the air in the grove. There must have been at least 250 babies not 4 years old. As to the other children, it was impossible to count them. We know we gave away 700 tickets, the park policeman keeping the boys and girls in line. We allow that some got more than one ticket. The park people say they never have a better day than St. George's day. Some say it is the best. The only criticism that can be made of the picnic is that the transportation company did not take us all on one boat, and delayed the second boat two hours at the Allegheny Wharf. Some companies are like people, who soon forget their marriage vows betwixt them made. We were promised faithfully by the company, both in writing and personally, something altogether different from what happened. If we could we would sue the company for causing separation

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of wives from their husbands and children from their parents. But the families were all reunited at 12 o'clock and forgot their troubles in the enjoyment of the day. Our free lemonade stand was well patronized, especially after the potato races and peanut scrambles. Many thanks to those who kindly assisted in the ticket selling and on the grounds. Their reward is great. All the children will tell you so. We are awaiting for final settlements of tickets.

At least forty children of St. George's will enjoy a vacation through the kindness of the Country Week Association and the Seashore House this summer.

It is pleasant to see our young people play tennis on our beautiful lawn. We should like to see a well organized tennis club in St. George's.

Owing to vacation season, our next Parish Guild meeting will take place the *second Tuesday* in September instead of the first. There is much to be done in the coming months for the Church. We should, therefore, have a rousing meeting. All societies should be present.

We are to be honored by the Convocation in holding its fall meeting in October in this Mission. A Convocation is a convention of the clergy and lay delegates of the parishes of a district in the Diocese. We belong to the Germantown Convocation. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation will hold its meeting here on the same day. Our people will doubtless do their best to attend the services, and welcome our visitors.

The Rev. George G. Miller will officiate during August in the place of the minister in charge. Those in need of the services of a clergyman will please report to this office.

Mr. Herbert Gransback will have charge of the Sunday School in the absence of the regular superintendent during the month of August.

Bell Fund.

Last reported, deficit $109.75. Received from Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, $5; Mrs. Wilhelemina Davis, $2; Mrs. J. Duncan Spaeth, $2. Still to be raised, $100.75.

Our store is very much in need of goods, and we should appreciate very much the kindness of friends who would send us partly worn clothing and all other things which may be made use of in a household.

Block Party.

St. George's Guild will give a block party for the benefit of the Church on Indiana avenue on August 19 and 20. Volunteers are called for, and the co-operation of our members and friends is asked for to make the occasion a great success.

Members of the Coal Savings Fund may begin to order coal August 15 and continue to November 30. For further information apply to the receiver of deposits.

On Thursday, August 4, the Mothers' Meeting and their guests, the members of St. George's Guild, had their annual picnic in the Park, which was enjoyed by all immensely.

The place of Miss Ellen M. Standish, parish visitor, in St. George's was made vacant July 31. Miss Katherine C. Coulter, superintendent of the Old Chapel Sunday School and volunteer worker in that Mission, has been temporarily appointed to do the necessary work in the Parish House during the month of August, and Miss Esther A. Kline, a graduate of the Church Training and Deaconess' Home, will begin her work as Parish Visitor in St. George's September 1.

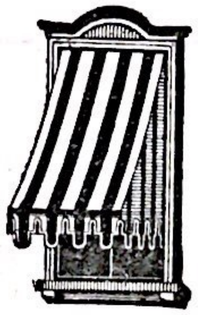
A block party was given on Venango street for the benefit of the Old Chapel by the good people of the neighborhood. It was in every way successful. Love for and faithfulness to the Old Chapel are making our workers more and more efficient in their efforts; and altogether there has grown up a band of Church workers in the Old Chapel that will tell on the future growth and prosperity of the Church.

We have now morning services in the Old Chapel. And the time is not far distant when we shall have both morning and evening prayer in this modest but attractive Chapel.

Through the kindness of Mr. W. W. Frazier a new fence around the property has greatly improved it. This improvement has aroused a still stronger attachment of the people to the Chapel.

We are sometimes censured of never being satisfied with what we have, but always want more. This is the secret of growth. While it is true we have all made some progress within the last eight months, still we all agree that more might have been accomplished. It pleased God to have it so. We live and learn. Woe to him who lives and does not learn. Church work is not a game. It is a life earnest and real. It is a battle in which the slightest betrayal of trust is treason. We have a right to expect absolute fidelity and co-operation from those who enlist in Church work. Loyalty should be our watchword forevermore. We trust we shall begin our fall work with this word *loyalty*, and go on with a loyal heart, losing ourselves in the work of Christ; for it is only in this way that we find ourselves.

In the motto calendar on the July page there are printed two brief but very significant prayers: "Show me myself." "Show me Thyself."



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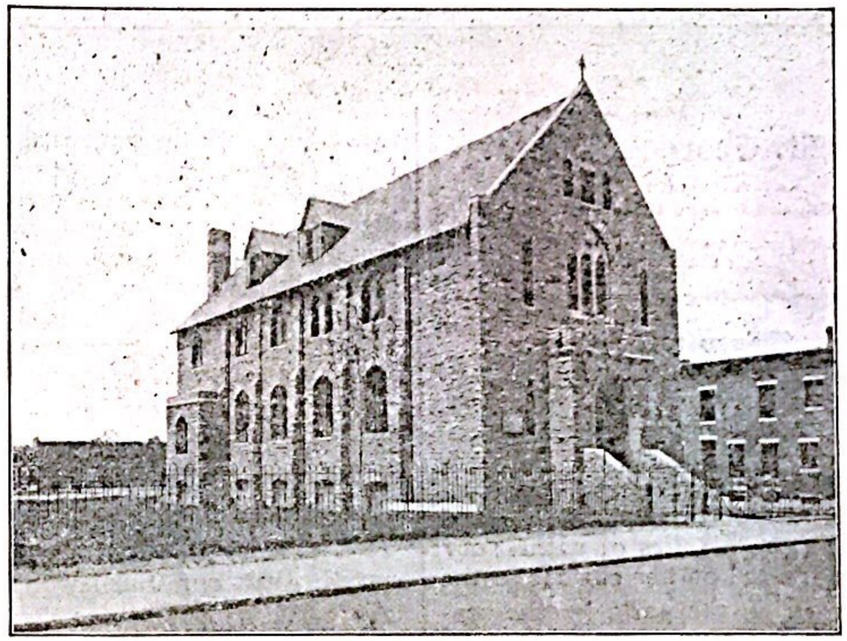
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Things to be Done.

The vacation season is past. Most of us, some more, some less, have had the joy of relaxation. Casting care aside, we did our best to be free from it for a season. We turned to gaze on and admire the beauties of nature; our eyes feasted on her charms in the country, in the park, by the seashore, or in the mountains. Our souls delighted in the pleasant company of polite pople. We have added to the old new friends, and thereby enriched that which is among the best treasures in this life. We have become stronger in body, and we trust also larger in soul. At the end of this vacation we find ourselves one year nearer the end of our journey to eternity. What then? What next? Behold the work that is before us.

Happy are those who can rest for a season; yet still happier are those who *can* work. But the happiest are those who can and *do* work. By work is here meant useful activity; the lively exercise of body and soul in the effort to build, and grow, and improve. This we believe is the case of the people of St. George's.

August is gone, and with it vacation. September has blown its bugle, calling back the somewhat scattered forces of St. George's noble company of workers. We are coming!—coming strengthened and refreshed to take up again our common task. We salute you, noble band; you who stuck faithfully to your post throughout the summer's heat, not considering your own comfort in the service of the Church. To you belongs the honor of holding up high the banner of St. George's, that the worship of God in it may continue uninterrupted, that our Sunday School may never be closed, and that the work of doing good may go on unhindered, as it ought to be. Such fidelity and loyalty have never yet gone unrewarded, and never will.

Now that we are coming together again, let the first number on the program of our work be the rallying of our people to the morning and evening church services. Every member should use every effort in his power to make our congregations larger than before. If you find that a visit from the Minister will help accomplish this object, notify him without delay, giving name and address of the person to be seen.

Our Sunday School is of paramount importance to the Church. The responsibility for its success rests on the shoulders of the officers and teachers. Few have the privilege of such a responsibility, and few have the honor accorded to a Sunday-school teacher. Who does not consider it the deepest joy to be instrumental in moulding a Christian character? We all know the value which our Father in heaven places on the soul of the least of us. How great shall be the reward of the Sunday-school teacher. For there is hardly a teacher who has not been instrumental in the salvation of souls, whether knowingly or unknowingly. Ask those who know, and they will tell you. If you want to enrich your life, go and work faithfully in the Sunday School; but it must be faithfully.

The choir comes next. It occupies an important place in the Church. Those who love the Church and possess the gift of singing should offer their voices in the service of the Church. The great musician, Gounod, considered it the achievement of his life, the gratification of his holy ambition, when he rose to the height of composing church music, that is music suitable to church service. Our choirmaster will be pleased to receive applicants.

Then comes the activity of our working societies, those who furnish the material help and make up the social life of St. George's. Needless to say that their health and prosperity give health and prosperity to the whole body of the Church. Let every member of whatever society or guild consider seriously the importance of his or her part in the work of the common welfare, and take up anew with renewed vigor and loyalty the work which is his or her to do in the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On August 20, through the kindness of Mr. O. La Forrest Perry, the "Lemon Hill Man," and under the care and supervision of St. George's workers, assisted by a few friends, five special cars carried to Lemon Hill Park 450 Richmond children for a free and joyous outing. It was a red-letter day in the lives of these children. They reached the park about 1 o'clock. They were received royally by Mr. Perry and helpers. There was free merry-go-round, free races and sports, free peanuts, free ice cream, and free everything.

They closed the joyous day with a children's short service in the large auditorium, which was filled with people, and came home without an accident and very happy. Mr. Perry was so pleased with St. George's management of the picnic that he promised to do even more for Richmond next year. Mr. Herbert Gransback, one of St. George's Sunday School teachers, was in charge of the excursion. He was assisted, among others, by Miss Coulter, of the old chapel, and her sister; Messrs. Barnes, Atkins, McGarvey; Miss Leaming, librarian of the Richmond branch; Misses Ansel and Grove, teachers of the

school garden, two public school teachers; and last, but not least, the Rev. Mr. Yeakel, who happened to drop in from Kansas.

Equally successful and highly pleasing in it results, was the block party given for the benefit of the Church on August 19 and 20, by the St. George's Guild. The information from all sources, as to the management, and co-operation of friends and neighbors, is highly praiseworthy. We all appreciate their courtesy and help.

PARISH GUILD MEETING.

It is very important that we have a full attendance at our next quarterly meeting of the Parish Guild, which will take place the second Tuesday, the 13th, at 8 p. m. All societies should have their reports ready for this occasion. There are matters, both of interest and importance to the Church's welfare, which should be taken up and discussed by the congregation.

Early settlement should be made for all tickets of the last Sunday School excursion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

The great Sunday School parade of the combined churches in Richmond and Kensington will take place Saturday afternoon, October 1. The general chairman informs us that 100,000 persons are expected to take part in the demonstration, and relies upon St. George's to help to make good this prediction. It is needless to say that our people will do their best.

BELL FUND.

Last reported deficit, $100.75, which is still to be raised.

We again call the attention of our people to the coming Convocation meeting to be held at St. George's in October. It will be an all-day meeting of the clergy, laymen and women, delegates to the Convocation and the Woman's Auxiliary. St. George's feels greatly honored by this courtesy of the Convocation.

THE BIBLE.

Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson were not known as active Christians. Some are fond, even to-day, of calling Thomas Jefferson a free thinker. That he thought freely is to his credit. But his way of thinking was the opposite from the way of those who call themselves free thinkers to-day. This is what Thomas Jefferson thought of the Bible:

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Not very long ago there was in this country an orator by name of Robert G. Ingersoll. He loved to be flippant on the subject of the Bible and the Christian faith. Many sinful men hailed his flippancy with delight, and not a few honest doubters were led astray by it. He was an able lawyer also, and a colonel in the Civil War, and this added to his influence. Even to-day you may hear his flippancy repeated, parrot-like, by ignorant men, calling themselves free thinkers. This Colonel Ingersoll made, confidently, the statement that in twenty-five years the Bible would be shelved, covered with dust, and forgotten, because of its worthlessness, and worse.

The great German poet Goethe was also somewhat of a doubter, but he was not flippant. This is what he said of the Bible:

"It is my belief in the Bible which has served me as the guide of my moral and literary life. . . . The farther the ages advance in civilization the more will the Bible be used."

The British and Foreign Bible Society alone sold last year 6,620,024 copies of the Bible, 685,000 in excess of the previous year.

Goethe died in 1832 and Colonel Ingersoll died in 1899, yet the flippant infidel is nigh forgotten, while the poet's name shines as brightly as ever throughout the civilized world.

A Bible Class is in demand at St. George's. The harvest is white, but it is to be regretted the laborer is not yet. We need a teacher for a Bible Class of men and women. We have not given up hope in finding him, or her, in spite of repeated failure. A new definition of *failure*, we came across the other day, is both consoling and strengthening: "Failure is a success upside down and hind-end foremost."

OLD CHAPEL NEWS.

The leak in the roof of the Old Chapel has been stopped at a cost of about $50.

The new fence, nicely painted, around the property at the cost of $138, through the kindness of Mr. W. W. Frazier, has greatly improved the looks of Old St. George's, and has added to the spirit of activity of the people.

The recent block party, August 5 and 6, given by the chapel people for its benefit, has been not only a great financial success, but it has stirred up the admiration of the neighborhood. It has given unspeakable delight to the children and made the older folks young again. Through the splendid management of Mr. Atkins, assisted by Mr. Barnes and members of the Chapel Guild, the novel features captivated the hearts of all. Much credit is due to Misses Laura Vanderslice, Sadie Hanson, Edna Read and Louisa Seemueller, who collected $10.90 towards the music. Venango will long remember the treat and is looking forward to the next one.

Mr. Atkins has appointed the following to constitute the Chancel Committee in the Old Chapel: Misses Emma Sylvester, Ella Vanderslice, Edna Read and Sadie Hanson.

A house-cleaning party met at the Chapel for the purpose of giving it a thorough cleaning both within and without. Lunch was served for the workers in the basement.

The Daily Kindergarten will open the early part of this month under Miss Ott.

We are looking forward toward a more thorough organization of a mothers' meeting in the Old Chapel.

Mr. Atkins will be pleased to receive applications for weekly pledges from members and friends of the Old Chapel, and will give out the envelopes to those who wish to regularly support the Chapel.

GOD AND CHILDREN.

This story was told by Elizabeth Sharp, Edinburgh, Scotland:

"A little girl said to her father, 'I want you to say something to God for me—something I want to tell him very much. I have such a little voice that I don't think he can hear me up in heaven; but you have a big man's voice, and he will be sure to hear you.' The father took his little girl in his arms and told her that even though God was at that moment surrounded by all his holy angels, playing on their golden harps and singing one of their loudest songs of praise, he was sure that He would say to them, 'Hush! Stop the singing for a while. There is a little girl on the earth who wants to whisper something in my ear.'"

With the coming of fall and following winter there is a growing demand for clothing, shoes, etc. We depend for our stock wholly on the kindness of St. George's friends, who, we trust, will send to our store such things which they can spare. The income from our monthly sales and the benefit to the buyers depend on the amount of stock on hand.

The Parish Register and the Directory will appear in the next issue.

We are looking toward a fine course of University Extension Lectures in the near future.



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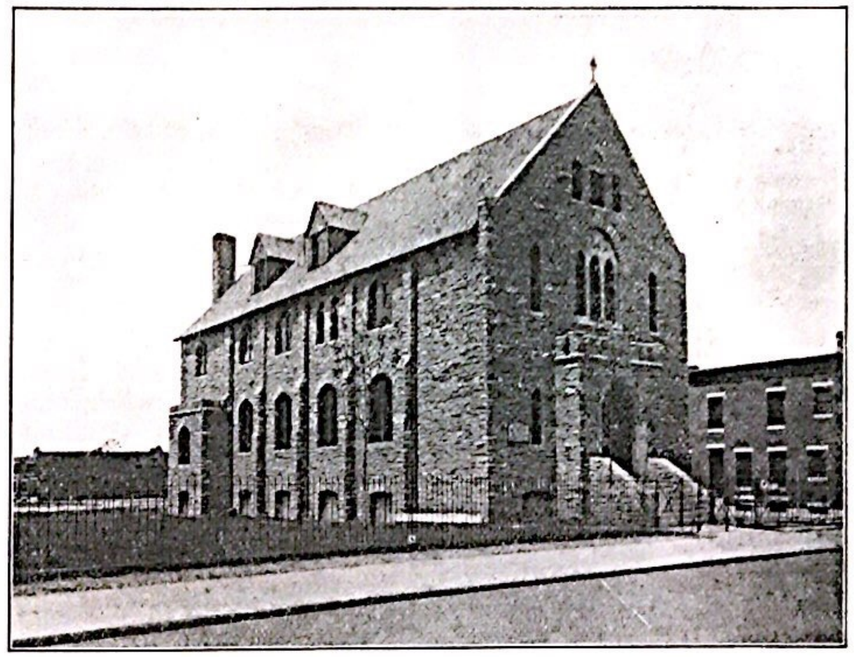
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A Parable.

"Father," said a boy of 14, "what is a parable?" The father, who was reading comfortably the big five-cent Sunday newspaper after breakfast, looked up as if taken by surprise. He had just got through reading the extracts of some political speeches delivered on Saturday, glanced over the graphic account of the latest scandal, and was just getting deeply interested in the lively descriptions on the sporting page. He was really not prepared for that question, and he tried to conceal his embarrassment when he felt the boy's eyes looking at him in earnest expectation. "A parable," he said slowly, as if trying to collect his thoughts, "a parable is a story taken from life to convey a religious lesson." "Is this a parable?" asked the boy, pointing to an open Bible before him. "Read it," said the father, with a show of interest. And the boy read the following: "A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many: and he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. And the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. And the servant said, Lord, what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, that none of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper." (Luke 14: 16-24.)

When the boy stopped, the father said, after a pause: "Yes, Charles, this is a parable." "And who spoke it?" "Our Saviour," answered the father thoughtfully. "And what is the lesson, father?" persisted the boy. "The lesson, the lesson, well, our Lord sought, and still seeks, to make us see and feel the love of God for men, and also to what extent such a love is shown in our behalf. Moreover, to make us see and feel, in contrast, our shallow indifference and stupid ingratitude. Charles, I hear our Church bell ring. It is the message which the Master sends, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' We shall take the trip to the park some other time. You and I will go to Church this morning, and partake of the feast which our Lord and Master has made ready in the Church which He has purchased with His Blood for all who love and fear God."

On that Sunday morning there were two more at Holy Communion. It was an inspiration to see the father and son, side by side, partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Some Astounding Facts.

More than $300,000,000 were spent in this country on whiskey alone last year. Much of it was adulterated stuff, undermining the health. This sum would support 300,000 families at the rate of $19.20 a week for each family throughout the year without a stroke of work on their part. Or, averaging five persons to a family, the money spent for whiskey alone would maintain annually 1,500,000 men, women and children in comfort without working. So much for the *money* only which is spent on whiskey drinking alone.

Then think of the loss of life, and of the crimes committed, and of the expense these crimes involve, and of the loss of character, and of the degradation, misery and sufferings which can be traced to whiskey drinking alone in one year. One hundred and nine thousand persons died from the use of liquor in the United States last year. Eight thousand in this State. Then think, by way of contrast, of what would happen if the $300,000,000 now spent for whiskey alone were spent on hospitals, schools, playgrounds, parks and Churches each year, or any other public improvement, or in the way of pension to aged workmen.

Then think of money and life wasted in the use of other intoxicants; and you will not wonder at the growth of the great temperance movement. You will yourself join it to make it stronger.

Is there then no good in drinking?

Read the following testimonies of experts:

"Alcohol is neither a good nor bad nutritive substance, but a poison attacking and destroying protoplasm" (which builds up vegetable and animal fabric).

"Both science and the experience of life have exploded the pernicious theory that alcohol gives any persistent increase of muscular power."

John Mitchell: "The happiness, the security, and the progress of the nation depend more upon the solution of the liquor problem than upon the disposition of any other question confronting the people of this country."

It is maintained by many that "the practice of moderate drinking remains the ultimate source of intemperance."

Joseph Chamberlain: "If I had an enchanter's wand, if I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England—what changes would we see? Our taxation reduced, our jails and workhouses empty, lives saved, and the face of the whole country transfigured."

Rev. Dr. Dodd: "The drunkard is his own worst enemy, his wife's sorrow, his children's shame, his neighbor's nuisance, the inn-keeper's benefactor, the picture of a beast, and the monster of a man!"

Ninth Anniversary.

The 20th of this month is the closing Sunday of the Church year. It is the Sunday before Advent, and marks the beginning of the present missionary's work in St. George's nine years ago. It was a small frame building, with low ceiling, weather-beaten and lonely, on the

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
348, Oct. 1, Rosa Ella Ruf
349, " 1, Ella May Brenner
350, " 1, Ella May Reehm
351, " 4, James Thomas Harrison
352, " 9 Gustave Johan Strongberg
353, " 9, Katherine Susanna Kerland
354, " 16, Harold Briggs Clemens
355, " 16, Sidney James

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

No.
58, Oct. 5, { Horace Thomas Haynes / Barbara S Bond
59, Oct. 12, { John William McKinley / Mary McGowan

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
164, Oct. 14, Susanna Funk

edge of endless truck farms on the one side and the less attractive dumping grounds on the other.

Turning to the missionary's diary the following item is recorded: November 24, 1901, Sunday next to Advent, 10.30 a. m., service and talk at St. George's Chapel to six men and five women; 2.30 p. m., Sunday school, about sixty present; 7.30 p. m., service and sermon, "Mutual Understanding," sixteen women and fourteen men present. (Both congregations mostly children.) This Mission was planted fourteen years before that date by Mr. John Totty, who was afterwards ordained deacon. It was he and his devoted wife, well beloved by all who knew them, who by self-denying work kept this Mission alive for years.

In spite of many difficulties during the last nine years, out of this Mission, located on corner East Venango and Edgemont streets, came forth the new St. George's, on corner Indiana avenue and Livingston street, four years ago, just a mile away from it, the picture of whose building is on the front page. So that we have practically two Missions, and both growing. In the Old Chapel there is a congregation of an average attendance of 35; a Sunday school over a hundred children; a daily kindergarten with a membership of 50 and an average attendance of 35. The new St. George's, a congregation of from 100 to 200, a Sunday school membership of 275, a long list of active societies. In the last nine years 360 were baptized and 270 confirmed. Present number of communicants, 250. Those familiar with the conditions know how well St. George's has justified all the encouragement and help given to the Mission. Our people have much to be thankful for, and they are showing their thanks by faithful work and loyal support of the Church.

Items of Interest.

"It was fine," "it was excellent," "it was very good," were the comments on the comedy, "Mr. Bob" given October 25 by our Dramatic Club before a crowded house. The Visitor joins in the congratulations. The Club has kept to its promise. Do it again. It is rumored that the

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stock of this Club has gone up 20 points since that play. Keep it up. Dramatis personæ: Messrs. Paul S. Atkins, David Humes, William Gilmour; Misses Ella Jones, Margaret McDonald, Elizabeth Stewart, and Agnes Edstrand. Owing to sudden illness of Miss Edstrand, her place was filled creditably by Miss Jennie Jacobs. Stage manager and director, Mr. Maurice Jacobs, rendered excellent service. Instrumental and vocal music was rendered by Walter Seifert, Gertrude Vanderslice, and Margaret Boyle.

Sunday School Class No. 3 is to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church Thursday, November 17, at 8 p. m. This class, under the efficient care of Miss Elizabeth Stewart, has done some excellent work in the past, and its members are eager to keep up its splendid reputation for Church work. The girls should get the hearty co-operation of our people.

The Visitor is ready to supply the need of help by the day in household work. If you need such help by the day from time to time, please apply to the Visitor, who will recommend none but reliable persons.

Advent and Thanksgiving.

The last Sunday in this month is the First Sunday in Advent. It is the beginning of our Church year. Advent means "coming"; and we commemorate on this day the coming of the Saviour. The four following weeks are called Advent Season, a season of prayer and offering in preparation for Christmas and all that it means to us.

It is quite proper that Thanksgiving Day be celebrated at the close of the Church year; for there are many things for which every one of us should feel thankful to God, and express our feelings in common as a congregation in a hearty Church service of praise and thanksgiving with a respectable offering towards the support of the Episcopal Hospital. The Thanksgiving offering of all our Churches is devoted to the Episcopal Hospital. We shall, of course, welcome any offering for this purpose at any other time from members or friends who think this hospital worthy of support. Such offering may also be sent, or given, through the minister personally.

October 6 was a great day for St. George's. It was the day on which the Convocation met in this Parish House. But the greater day is coming. The Women's Aid to the Convocation of Germantown will hold their quarterly meeting in this Parish House Thursday morning, November 10, at 10.30 o'clock. All the women of St. George's and their friends are asked to come and greet the visitors.

It was a pleasure to greet here on Convocation day Miss Zebley with two members of her Sunday school class, Misses Ethel Aiman and Helen Foulk, of St. Martin's in the Field. The interest which they have thus shown in the Church's work here speaks beautifully for these young ladies.

The Mothers' Meeting gave a house party at the residence of Mrs. Myers for the benefit of the Church. The mothers are doing a laudable work.

The Men's Club's entertainment, given on October 27, was a credit to the few who worked hard for it. Their efforts are much appreciated.

On the first Thursday evening of this month the Club will give its annual banquet to members, wives and sweethearts.

On Thursday evening, the tenth of this month, the Club will give a smoker to men. The speaker of the evening will be Mr. Edward J. Cattell. Gentlemen are cordially invited.

Bell Fund.

Previously reported deficit, $95.75. Received from Charles Weldon, 50 cents; Reginald Hunter, $2; James Weldon, 50 cents; John Schoell, 50 cents; Miss Zebley's class, of St. Martin's, $2.80; Miss Esther A. Klein, $1. Still to be raised, $88.45.

Coal Fund.

We need to raise $140 for coal this year. The Men's Club kindly contributes towards this need $40 a year, which includes also for lighting.

Our Store.

We again appeal to friends to send us what they can spare in the way of clothing, shoes, and useful articles, old or new, for our store. There is no one who utilizes things to better advantage in the way of helpfulness than St. George's.

The Old Chapel.

The following items of interest from the Old Chapel, through Mr. Atkins, who is in charge of the Chapel work:

The Rt. Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, D.D., Bishop-Coadjutor, will preach and administer Confirmation at St. George's Chapel, Venango, on Wednesday evening, December 7.

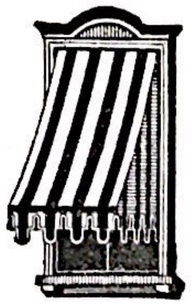
Beginning with the first Sunday evening this month, Mr. George E. Sladen will give a series of addresses to the congregation on Confirmation. A class is now being formed.

Nearly twenty new weekly subscribers have been added to the list as the result of some canvassing within the past two months; and the end is not yet.

A delightful Hallowe'en party was held in the Chapel basement October 31, with all that goes with it; and prizes were awarded for the prettiest and ugliest costume. Mrs. Atkins kindly assisted in the success of the occasion and all had an enjoyable time.

After Advent Sunday the Chapel will provide badges of honor in the shape of medals to be worn on the cottas by those members of the choir who have not missed a Sunday service or rehearsal during the year. There are at present two candidates for this honor.

It is very gratifying to announce that we are able to give the needed help to Miss Ott in her splendid work in the kindergarten at the Old Chapel. She will have an assistant hereafter. We trust that the parents of the little ones will do their part in helping to raise the money which this additional help requires. We know of no more successful kindergarten than that of St. George's.



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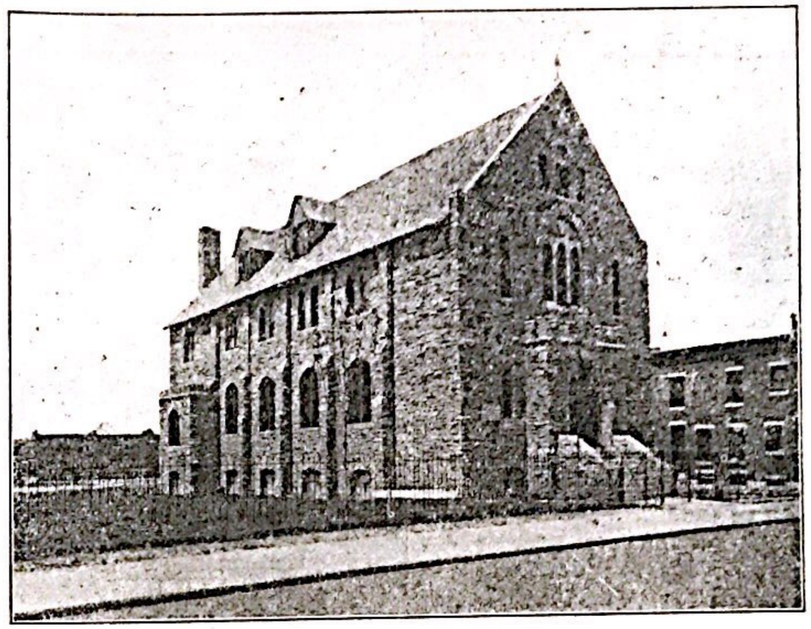
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Christmas proclaims in heavenly music: The Lord has come!

"Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"

And in response to this the great chorus of humanity:

"Come hither, ye faithful,
Triumphantly sing!
Come, see in the manger
The angels' dread King!
To Bethlehem hasten,
With joyful accord!
Oh, come ye, come hither,
To worship the Lord!"

Thus our dear Church holds before us with a mother's care, and patience, and persistency, lest we forget the two great Truths, or the one great two-fold Truth, namely, that Christ has come, and that he is coming!

You, dear reader, who find deep satisfaction in being identified with Christ, not in name only, but also in spirit and truth; you who regard Christmas not as a holiday only, but as a holy day also, will grasp the real meaning of this great feast only in the fellowship of the faithful at the Communion Table on Christmas morning, in the House of God, whence you may be the better able to carry a ray of cheer and helpfulness into the benighted lives who have no ear to the clear and sweet message of Christmas Day.

"Christians, awake! salute the
happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of mankind
was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted
from above;
With them the joyful tidings first
begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's
Son."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Blessed Tranksgiving Day.

Never before has the minister enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day more than the one just passed. The completion of nine years' work in this mission is in itself a blessing; but it becomes, as it were, transfigured; that is to say, glorified and idealized by the manifestation of appreciation on the part of the people in whose midst the work has been performed, especially by the manner in which St. George's people have shown their appreciation on Thanksgiving eve. For three weeks, we are told, the men, women and the children of St. George's

cherished in their hearts the expected pleasure of seeing their minister surprised in the chancel on the evening before Thanksgiving Day, a weekly evening prayer. They have succeeded well. The surprise was complete. The minister found himself unexpectedly before a large Sunday congregation with a choir on Wednesday evening. And, as if this joyful service was not enough, it was followed by a love feast in the basement no less surprising to the minister. This was a real minister's surprise party on a ninth anniversary. It was a most suitable one, a most gracious one, and most appreciated. Get thee behind me, Satan, and mumble not about lack of appreciation of honest work by Church people.

A LETTER.

My Dear Parishioners:

I cannot express to you in words adequately my profound appreciation for the kindly and gracious surprise you have given me on the occasion of my ninth anniversary in St. George's. I confess, I did not expect any celebration; but your surprise party, if I may call it so, in the way in which it was given, and at the time and place so aptly chosen, has opened up to me a vision of your affection and regard which must have been hid from me heretofore. This affection and regard I value exceedingly above all earthly things, for they will make me love you the more.

Affectionately yours,

A. J. Arkin

It is with much pleasure that we announce the making up of the deficit of $88 in the Bell Fund through the kindness of Mr. Alfred C. Harrison. A list of donors toward the bell will be made up in due time to be kept in their memory among the records of this Mission.

COAL FUND.

To be raised, $140. Received from Men's Club, $20; Mrs. R. Lowry, $1.50; still to be raised, $118.50.

The Junior Auxiliary, a most prosperous and growing missionary society of girls, has sent a box to St. Mary's School, Rosebud, S. D., valued at $8.25. It contained 13 dressed dolls and 14 hammocks. The hammocks were made and contributed by one of our best boys, Edward Bauers. There is a strong sentiment among some of our boys to form themselves into a boys' Junior Auxiliary.

FAIR.

As the time of our annual Fair is drawing nigh, it behooves us all to marshal our forces and bend all our energies toward making the Fair a grand success. We appeal to our friends and neighbors to help us in the undertaking. It is for the benefit of the Church, a Church worthy of all the support you can give it. The date of the Fair is December 15-17 inclusive.

OUR STORE.

Please send us what you can spare in the way of clothing, shoes, and useful articles, old or new, for

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
356, Nov. 22, George William Kessler
357, " 22, George Tong
358, " 24, Henrietta Wilson
359, " 24, Bertha Brailer Wilson

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
165, Nov. 18, Harry Edwin Odenath

our store. They can be used here to the best advantage both to the Mission who sells and the people who buy them.

QUARTERLY GUILD MEETING.

We call upon all our members and friends of our congregation, all societies and their officers to attend the Parish Guild Meeting the first Tuesday of the month, December 6, at 8 P. M. It is of utmost importance that each society of the Mission should give a report of its last three months' doings to the congregation. Moreover we would like to get better acquainted with one another, and the Parish Guild Meeting is an opportunity of which we all ought to avail ourselves for the sake of good fellowship and the well being of the community in which we live.

We have been very fortunate in securing Mr. John Cowper Powys, M. A., of England, one of the leading University Extension lecturers, and whose heart beats in warm sympathy with the people, to open our course of University Extension lectures this season in the Lecture Hall of the new Public Library, Indiana Avenue and Almond Street, just across from St. George's. The subject of Mr. Powys' lecture will be "England and English Life;" and will be delivered on Friday evening, December 30, at 8 o'clock. This lecture is his contribution to the good work in this neighborhood. It will be followed by six or more lectures in January and February, further notice of which will be given later.

A house party was given the first of this month by Mrs. Nuttall, a member of the Mothers' Meeting, at her home for the benefit of the Church. It was very successful. This is one of the series of house parties which the Mothers have been giving at their homes for the benefit of the Church. They are all very delightful since they combine good work with sociability.

CHRISTMAS Services: Holy Communion at 8 A. M. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion and Sermon at 10.30 A. M. The offerings are contributed to what is called the Christmas Fund which

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The Thanksgiving Day Offerings towards the support of the Episcopal Hospital amounted to $10.76, $2.76 more than last year.

Our choir has been making remarkable progress but there is room for improvement. Mr. Carey, our organist, has been working under great difficulties. Without tenors and without basses how can we have the music we want for the Church? Our Choir, under Mr. Carey, has undertaken a laudable task, that is, to have even-song every first Sunday in the month beginning with this month. But it is done in the hope that not only will the members of the Choir do their utmost to make the task successful, but that others who can in any way contribute to it will cheerfully offer their services to that end.

Applications for position as tenor or bass may be made to either Mr. Carey or the Minister. There are men enough in our community who can be man enough to offer their voices in the service of the Church as members of its Choir.

We depend for the success of our next Christmas Festival entirely on our Sunday School teachers and their Classes. The date of the Festival will be announced later. It should be some evening in Christmas week. The presents have been provided for as usual by some dear friends of St. George's and its children. We hope the Festival will be a great success because of our own making.

Class No. 3 has again distinguished itself in loyalty to the Church by giving an entertainment for its benefit. We congratulate the members of the Class and their faithful teacher, Miss Stewart, on their success.

Our Sunday-School here has made rapid progress, both in numbers and character, within the last three months. Our present organized body of teachers and officers is a credit to any Sunday School.

But the Sunday School which captivates the Visitor's heart is that in our Old Chapel under the supervision and instruction of Miss Katherine C. Coulter. Her work shall be lasting. Both this Sunday School and the Daily Kindergarten under Miss Ethel A. Ott, its teacher, in the Old Chapel, are preparing for Christmas Festival, the date of which will be given later.

It is reported that 3,804 people were killed and 82,374 injured on the railroads of this country during the year ending June 30, 1910. No one needs fear any more overpopulation in this country in the face of the efforts of some to reduce infant mortality.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness," said a woman to the visiting clergyman as an excuse for her absence from Church. "Yes," answered the good pastor, "*next* to godliness, godliness first."

We are much in need of Sunday school teachers. There is intelligence enough in our congregation to fill every place of trust in the work of the Church What our people need, both young and old, is more grace of God, more prayerful desire to do good, and more willingness to give our service to the Church as an acceptable offering to God.

"Take this for the Church," said a hard-working man to the minister, handing him $3, "and do not mention my name. It is not to be counted in the envelop collection." This good man has already been liberal to St. George's; and the genuineness of his love for the Church, as shown by his gifts, given so heartily, more than compensates for all the heart's vexations at the indifference shown to the Church by others.

An Appeal to Parents.

It is of utmost importance that parents co-operate with the minister, the teachers and officers of the Sunday school, and the various Guilds to make the instruction given to children in the Church effective. Show to your children that you love the Church, and think much of it yourselves, and how much you trust the teachers and leaders in the several departments of Church work. In case of complaint, come to no decision until after diligent and patient inquiry. All this is for the good of your own children. They will grow up better men and women, and not given to story-telling, which is a fruitful source of mischief and trouble.

"Mother," said a bright girl earnestly, after the minister left, "mother, why is it that you have so many reasons for not going to Church, and so few reasons for going to Church?" The mother, who had just explained her absence from Church to the minister, looked surprised and said sharply, "Shut your mouth." We leave this to the contemplation of the reader.

St. George's Guild will give a Cake, Pie, Ice Cream, and Bread Sale in the basement of the Parish House Saturday, December 10th, in the afternoon and evening. Come early.

The Sunday School will hold its Christmas Service and Festival on Christmas Day at 2 P. M., the usual Sunday School hour.

The Men's Club will have another rally, December 22nd, at 8 P. M. An address will be delivered by a prominent speaker.

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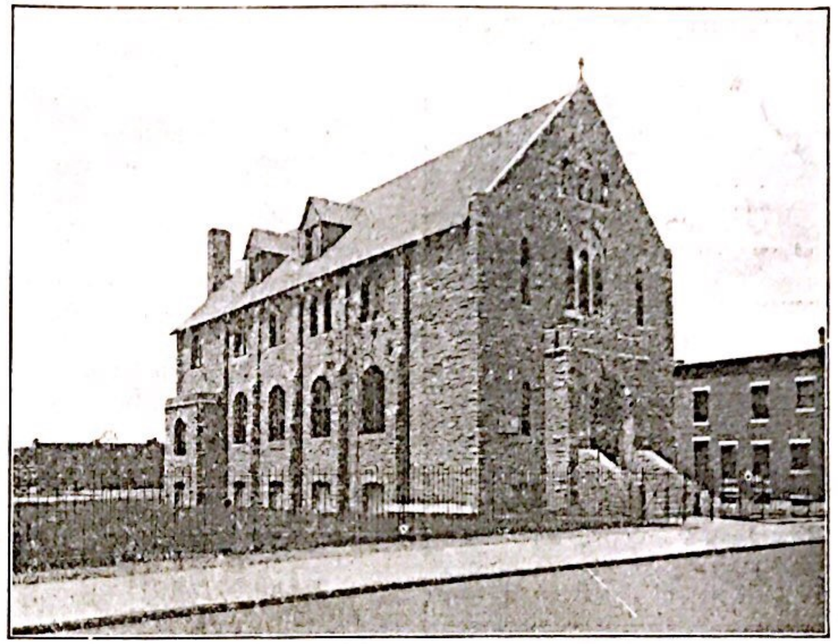
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We wish you a Happy New Year. May it be to you full of God's blessings, of peace, of joy, and of good works. We desire especially that this New Year's greeting and these good wishes may reach the homes and lives of those who have shown their kindness to this Mission in the years past; and who have by their kindness contributed to the prosperity and growth of St. George's. Whatever you have done unto St. George's you have done it unto the Lord.

A new year is like unto a new page in a ledger to which the result at the bottom of the old page is carried forward to the top of the column on the new; and the adding does not cease until the end of life. When life ceases then the ledger is closed. There is no such a thing as past. All our past is but the sum total of our present. Nothing is past. One thing only may become bygone. One thing only may be expunged from our record, and that is sin. But even sin cannot be wiped out except by hearty repentance and true faith in the forgiveness of sin by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing but the Cross can change the natural order of things. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Sin alone can be made bygone only through the Blood of Jesus Christ. Our sins through this grace of God are made bygone, as if they had never existed; but our good deeds are indestructible. We are at the end what we have been in the past. Thus the past is valuable to us in so far as it tells us what we are in the present. I am what I am to-day because of the things I have done or left undone yesterday.

New years, therefore, are our greatest opportunities. We can add day by day to the sum total brought forward on the top of the new page of our ledger, on the credit side, dated January 1, 1911, a long column of good deeds which will give us unspeakable joy when they are summed up on December 31, to be carried forward to the new page; and thus year by year, until we shall carry the grand total to Him to Whom we owe everything; and we, as we shall be, shall see Him as He is.

Dear reader, would you like to know how best to keep your life's book? Permit us to quote to you the lines from an old calendar which a kindly hand moved by a kindly heart had sent us. The quotation is entitled "Happiness."

"The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you. Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life."

For Thy mercy and Thy grace,
  Faithful through another year,
Hear our song of thankfulness;
  Jesus, our Redeemer, hear.

In our weakness and distress,
  Rock of strength, be Thou our stay;
In the pathless wilderness
  Be our true and living way.

Who of us death's awful road
  In the coming year shall tread,
With Thy rod and staff, O God,
  Comfort Thou his dying bed.

Keep us faithful, keep us pure,
  Keep us evermore Thine own,
Help, oh, help us to endure;
  Fit us for the promised crown.

Hymn 204.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our annual fair, given in the middle of last month, will bring the Church a little over $100. This we consider a splendid showing. Space does not permit to enumerate the many contributions from many people both in gifts and work. But we all cherish a deep appreciation of the kindness of those who helped. Special praise is due to those who cheerfully gave their time and labor to the exacting enterprise of an annual fair. There is a satisfaction deeper than all praise, and that is the consciousness of having done something for the benefit of the Church. One is eminently successful when he succeeds in this.

The best thing we have to report to our readers this month is the remarkable progress in our Sunday School, both in the Parish House and in the Old Chapel. This is not wholly due to Christmastide. It is a healthy growth, which will last. Our numbers are growing, and our collections have more than doubled in the Sunday School. Our children have grasped the spirit of Missions and of giving. They begin to like giving even better than candy. Our children cannot be surpassed anywhere for loyalty to their Sunday School.

Without a doubt this progress is due to the growing spirit of consecration on the part of our teachers and officers. We have at last a Teachers' Institute. At its annual banquet in December, Mr. Herbert Gransback was appointed Assistant Superintendent, and Miss Edith Taylor Secretary of the Institute.

We are on the right road. The VISITOR bids you all, officers, teachers and scholars, God-speed. Remember the three guiding lights in a journey like this: Faith, Hope and Love—and follow your leader.

The last week in December has been a series of festivities in St. George's.

The Kindergarten Festival, under Miss Ott and her assistant, Miss Grace Emrich was first. Out of 50 scholars 47 were present. Many of the mothers also were present. It was the sweetest and loveliest program sweetly and lovely executed. We would give a dozen Metropolitan operas for one Kindergarten Festival in Old St. George's, especially the last one. Of course, there was the Christmas tree, and thanks to Mrs. Marston, and Deaconess Sanford who phoned in the nick of time, Santa Claus was pretty generous to the little ones, as he usually is.

Next was the Festival of Old St. George's Sunday School, under Miss Katherine C. Coulter. On Sunday afternoon it celebrated Christmas, and thanks to the kindness of some friends and the Junior Auxiliary of St. Michael's Church,

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
360, Dec. 11, Seymour Blair Long
361, " 11, Dorothy Schoell
362, " 18, Isabella Wilhemina Margaret Mundell

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
166, Dec. 3, Robert Simpson
167, " 8, John Holmstrom
168, " 11, Charles Johnson
169, " 22, Margaret Burket

Germantown, here, too, Santa Claus was good to the children. Ninety-eight were present. The full number of the Sunday School reaches 125. The Tuesday following in the evening the Sunday School gave, before a goodly audience its Christmas cantata. It was excellent. Mr. Paul S. Atkins, lay reader in charge of the Chapel, addressed the people on both occasions.

The Sunday School at St. George's, Richmond, celebrated Christmas with carols and hymns Sunday afternoon. There were 210 present. Total membership, 280 or more. The school gave its festival on Wednesday evening in the basement, where the Men's Club had trimmed a Christmas tree. Santa Claus here, too, owing to the intercession of constant friends, was exceptionally liberal to the children. The festival consisted of the voluntary contributions in song and recitation by the members of the various classes in which the Primary Department highly distinguished itself. For all of these good things we thank God and bless His children.

There is a society in St. George's which needs a revival. It is like the lion which is not dead but sleepeth. It is the Senior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Its members are very wise, and this hint will doubtless be sufficient for them; that is, if the old proverb is correct.

The minister takes this opportunity of thanking heartily all his dear boys and girls, parishioners and friends who have gladdened his heart by their Christmas greetings on the beautiful postal cards. He wishes them to know that he very warmly appreciates their kind regards and thoughtfulness.

Class No. 3 of our Sunday School, whose teacher is Miss Elizabeth Stewart, has again contributed to the Church $12, the proceeds from an entertainment given by the class.

St. George's Guild will give a cake, bread and pie sale, in connection with a fancy table, in the basement of the Parish House, Saturday afternoon and evening, January 28.

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In the annual tables of contributions of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, St. George's is credited only with $62.43 Lenten offering. This is an error. The Old Chapel should have been credited with $22.32, making a total for St. George's of $84.75 instead of $62.43.

We need more Sunday School teachers. We also need tenors for our choir. Is it possible that our congregation will allow our Sunday School go short of teachers and our choir short of tenors?

No Sunday School is complete without an adult Bible Class. We have been looking for one for a long time. Are there not men and women in our congregation sufficiently interested in the Bible to make it an object of study under a teacher? Application for membership in a Bible Class may be made to the minister.

We read in the papers of a kind uncle who gave his little nephew a big box kite which came nigh being the cause of the boy's death. We read also of a father who gave his boy a gun which killed the boy. In the wilds of Africa, or some other warm country, the mother ape hugs the child ape so lovingly to her breast that she often lovingly squeezes the life out of her child. Some cranks would hail these facts as additional arguments that mankind, or at least some fathers were, descended from monkeys. It is really alarming to him who objects to such a theory of evolution in the face of so many parents who, out of mistaken love for the child, will help the child to undo all that the teacher is trying to do for its real welfare. What the good uncle did with his kite for his nephew, and the good father with his gun for his son, and the good ape for her child, altogether too many are doing morally for their children by their unjust estimation of the teacher and their lack of appreciation of his efforts and motives.

Our Lord said: "Ask and ye shall receive." Let every one of us use the following petition throughout the month:

Almighty God, Lord of the harvest, we humbly beseech Thee to send forth laborers into Thy harvest. Put into the hearts of the men and women of our Mission the desire to give themselves in the work of the Church, that it may grow in numbers and grace; that all men and women and children may fit themselves more and more for Thy blessed kingdom both here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the pleasant incidents of Christmastide in this Mission was the coming the day before Christmas, of three attractive young ladies bringing baskets heavily laden with good things to cheer some homes here with a Christmas dinner. That three young Christian girls bringing baskets of groceries to poor people with little children should suggest the idea of the three wise men at the manger at Bethlehem may seem strange; but this was the thought of the VISITOR when the young ladies entered his office panting for breath. There were Misses Katie Foster, Bernice Morgan and Mabel Fulton, of Miss Gladys Williams' Bible Class, of St. Paul's, all the way from Chestnut Hill.

Let it be known to all that our Junior Auxiliary is to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church and for Missions the fourth Tuesday of this month, January 24, at 8 p. m. Please write this down in your diary.

We are in receipt of a circular letter from a reputable department store addressed to superintendents, in which we are warned against "candy loaded with counterfeit of sugar, or containing glue made from refuse and dead animals, and bleached with sulphuric acid, or candy injuriously colored, or coated with common varnish, or containing 'chocolate' that is not chocolate at all, which is certainly not fit to give to children." We use the exact words of the circular letter, and we trust that it will be food for reflection to the good parents of our neighborhood, who will instruct their children accordingly, especially on the Lord's Day, just before Sunday School.

The University Extension Lectures in the Lecture Hall of the Library, just opposite St. George's, will be as follows:

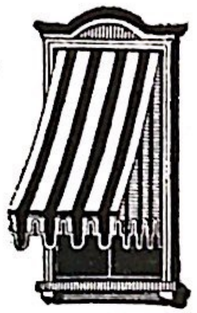
Dec. 30—"England and English Life," by John Cowper Powys, M. A., Cambridge, England.

Saturdays at 8 p. m. January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4 and 11, on "The Life of Animals," by Samuel C. Schmucker M. A., Ph. D.

The Men's Club will have an annual election of officers Thursday evening, January 5th. Considerable improvement will take place in its organization. There has been marked improvement already in the makeup of the Club under the efficient guidance of its president Dr. Augustus H. Keller.

In the next issue we shall have much good to say of our boys.

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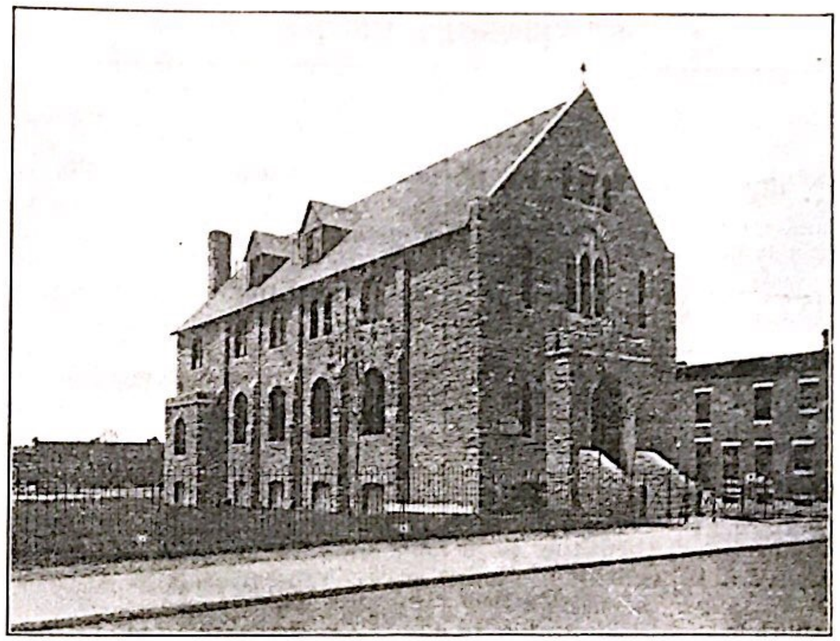
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CONFESSION ON A TROLLEY CAR

It is quite common on a trolley car, especially on Monday morning to hear now and then the word Church used in conversation. The *Visitor's* ear is very sensitive to the word Church. His interest was therefore aroused, one Monday morning as he was going to town, by a conversation of two men in the seat just behind him; and presently he found himself hearing a confession which rarely falls to the lot of a Father Confessor. Both men looked just a trifle below middle age, and bore the appearance of tradesmen. The conversation ran on as follows:

"How did you spend Sunday, John?" "In Church, of course," replied John mockingly. He was not only mocking, but he showed an effort to boast of his contempt for the Church. There was silence just long enough for the *Visitor* to ask himself mentally the question, Why, if he has no respect for it, does not this man leave the Church alone? It is not enough for him to withold his support from the Church that he must hold it up to ridicule also? But before the *Visitor* could go on moralizing any further he heard John's companion say.

"John, since my little girl was taken from me I have thought a great deal of the matter, and wondered if we working men are not, to say the least, underestimating the character of the Church. It is easy to say that the Church does not amount to much and her teachings are inventions of crafty men to deceive the people, but it is very hard to prove it. Remember that the Church is nearly 2000 years old. It has withstood the onslaughts and persecutions of crafty and powerful men throughout the ages, and now it holds the love and affection of our noblest men and women. We must admit that you and I know very little of its history, and that the clergy of all Churches are educated and well informed men. Is it reasonable to think that they are all hypocrites, that they are all lying for a living? The few clergyman whom I have known have all been honest and well meaning gentlemen. Surely there must be something in the Church; there must be a great deal in the Church when Theodore Roosevelt can find time to attend its services regularly. He does not have to be a hypocrite. And he is a well informed man. Where do we get our information about the Church? from Billy Gray who repeats parrot-like statements he heard some other fellow make. And what is Billy Gray's character? Would you be willing to have him for a brother-in-law? It suits Billy Gray to make fun of the Church because he is constantly breaking some of the Ten Commandments. I tell you, John, it set me to thinking when I picked up the other day the Bible which my little girl, who died last fall, got from her Sunday School teacher for regular attendance. I opened it at random, and

my eyes fell on the following sentence: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" These words burned themselves into my memory. This is the kind of a book which was put in the hands of my child by the Church, and it is putting in the hands of thousands of children. What would happen, John, if all our fellows had accepted the Church for what it claims to be. What would happen if all of us had taken seriously to heart the things the Church is teaching; just this one sentence, for instance, which I have quoted It seems to me that most of our fellows do not give the Church a square deal. When our wives and children are in Church you and I are enjoying our pleasures elsewhere undisturbed as to their conduct. Could we have the same feeling of security if they visited the places where churchless men have their fun. Men who are impure themselves cannot bear impurity in their wives and children, say nothing of relatives. It was in the Church where I was first taught the Ten Commandments. I cannot say whether I broke them because I left the Church, or left the Church because I broke them. But this I know the Church was not responsible, nor is it now responsible, for any one's breaking of the Ten Commandments. What would be the result if Billy Gray and his like, and they are many, could ridicule the Church out of existence. These men, John, are the biggest hypocrites I have ever known They were baptized in Church, and are not ashamed of it. I have not met with one of them who boasted of his not being baptized. They were married by a clergyman of the Church. Very few of them refuse to see a clergyman of the Church on their dying bed; and they would rather a clergyman of the Church buried them. How would they feel to see their mother or children buried without a clergyman of the Church? Some of them in case of death in the family have not even the manhood or decency to ask frankly the minister, but send some relative, or friend who may be connected with the Church to "come and say a *few words*" over the dead. And what do they do for the Church? Is this consistency? Is this fairness? Is this manhood? John, it is either dense ignorance, or rank hypocrisy As an excuse for their sacrilege they boast of their little virtues they still possess. And where did they learn these virtues? They learned them in Church in childhood, or they have inherited them from good Church people. They certainly did not learn them outside the Church. John, we are not fair to the Church? We do not give it a fair trial. We are not supporting it as we should. We are not helping the clergymen as we ought. They always come to us in trouble if we give them any show at all. But we do not return the same courtesy to them." Here the conversation broke off. The *Visitor* wished he had heard more. It did him good; and he left the car

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
363, Jan. 29, Anna May Restine

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
170, Jan. 23, Ellen D. Widmar

wondering what effect the words of John's companion had on John.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Any one acquainted with commercial travelers, or traveling salesmen, knows that they are a very bright, intelligent, and practical class of men. He also knows that their temptations are more than ordinary. They have a Christian society called "Gideons" after Gideon, a biblical hero. This society has lately distributed sixty thousand Bibles placed in the bedrooms of hotels in this country. Within the cover of each volume is pasted a leaflet of which, for want of space, only the opening sentence can be given here, as follows:

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Our neighbors and friends should know what opportunities for good St. George's is holding open to men, women and children aside of its reverent Services and Sunday School work.

1. The Mothers' Meeting every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock They meet for religious edification, friendship and sociability, and work for the support of the Church and Missions. One pleasant feature of their work is house parties given in their homes for the benefit of the Church. The next house party will be given at the home of Mrs. Thomas McDonald, 3150 Salmon Street, Friday evening, February 10th. They will welcome new members.

2. St. George's Guild, is a band of young married women who meet every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 30 o'clock. Their objects in the main are the same as of the Mothers' Meeting, though they have some distinctive features of their own. They will welcome new members.

3. Men's Club meets in the basement every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Their object is sociability and self-improvement. They own a pool table and shuffle boards which are used any evening by members and friends. Dr. Keller, psesident of the Club has presented a silver cup to be contested for in a tournament with St.

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John's Club. From time to time prominent men come to address the Club. Their next concert will be given Friday evening, February 24th. Admission, 25 cents. The influence of the Club for good is unlimited, especially among young men. They will welcome new members.

4. Senior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, every third Sunday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock. Their object is to bring men to Christ through the Church. They observe two rules of Prayer and Service. They pray and work for the spread of the Kingdom of God on earth. They will welcome new members.

5. Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, boys between 14 and 20, whose objects and work among the young are the same as those of the senior members among the older men. They meet every Friday evening at 7.45 o'clock. The time is spent in prayer, business, and the study of Scripture and of the Church. They will welcome new members.

6. The Girls' Friendly Society of unmarried young ladies. Those who marry become associate members. This Society meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Their objects are mutual help (religious and secular,) sympathy, prayer, purity of life, dutifulness, faithfulness, thrift and sociability. They will welcome new members.

7. Junior Auxiliary of younger girls, meet every Thursday at 7.30 o'clock. Their objects are principally work for Missions, prayer and sociability. They will welcome new members.

8. Candidate Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, preparing for membership in the Society.

9. Boys' Hardworking Club, of young boys. Meet Thursday evenings at 7.30 o'clock. Objects corresponding to those of the Junior Auxiliary, or of St Paul's Brotherhood. They will welcome new members.

10. The Boys' Club, meet every Saturday 7 30 o'clock. Objects, military drill and sociability. They welcome new members.

11. Dramatic Club, of young ladies and gentlemen. Meet first and third Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Objects. the study and exercise of dramatic art, giving of entertainments and promoting sociability.

12. The Fuel Saving Fund. Opens the second Saturday this month, and continues every Saturday from 8 to 9 30 a. m.; in the Parish House, and Tuesdays at the Old Chapel 9 to 9.30 a. m. If any depositor should by some accident receive bad coal, he should report at once, and it will be changed for good.

13. Stamp Saving Fund. Open the same hours as those of the Fuel Saving Fund. Inquire for details of the Receiver. These two Saving Funds have done and are doing a world of good to those who use them. Objects, promotion of thrift and saving and lessening anxiety in housekeeping.

All the above societies have, of course, many pleasant features which, for lack of space, cannot be enumerated here.

14. The Choir, Meet every Friday evening, and Wednesday afternoon for the younger members.

Objects, Encouraging the art of singing well, and beautify the worship of God. New members, especially tenors and bassos will be welcome.

15. Teachers' Institute, of Sunday School teachers, meet every last Sunday in the month at 3.15 p. m. Object, developing efficiency in teaching the Sunday School lessons, and cooperation.

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The Junior Auxiliary held a Mission Conference Jan. 26th, at which members of St. Simeon's Church, St. Ambrose Mission, and the Church of the Messiah were present. Miss Almy, General Secretary, and Miss Neely, of Japan addressed the Conference. It was most helpful and instructive to all who were present.

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The Junior Auxiliary gave a a most successful entertainment for the benefit of the Church.

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Eleven of our boys attended the meeting of St. Paul's Brotherhood held in Holy Trinity Church on the evening of St. Paul's Day. The Rev. Dr. Tomkins preached, and after the Service the boys enjoyed a good social time.

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An Admission Service of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held Sunday evening, January 15th, at which Service the Men's Club attended in a body. Those admitted were Frank Frederickson, Arthur Rhea and Chas. Shumaker.

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COAL FUND

To be raised $118.50. Received from Mrs. Vogt $1.25; Mrs. Dynes $1.50; Mrs. Weldon $.50; Mrs. Burk $.25; Mrs. Ochsel $1 00; Mrs Morris Keller $.25. Still to be raised $113 75.

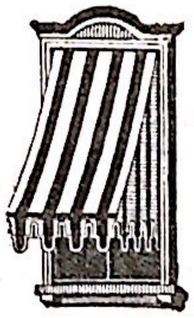
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THE OLD CHAPEL, VENANGO

Miss Katharine C Coulter has organized a Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society of 20 members of which she is Secretary. The visit and address of Miss Wilson, diocesan president, was very much appreciated.

At a recent enthusiastic Parish Guild meeting presided over by Mr. Paul S. Atkins, Lay Reader in charge of the Chapel, it was decided that a supper be given Tuesday evening, February 7, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the Mission. Among the pleasant features of the evening was the devotional service, the presence of the Rev. Frederick Thompson, of Uniontown Ky. as guest, Mrs. Atkins, and Miss Coulter. The Visitor has enjoyed himself immensely. Don't forget Tuesday evening, February 7th, at 8 o'clock. Admmission, 15 cents.

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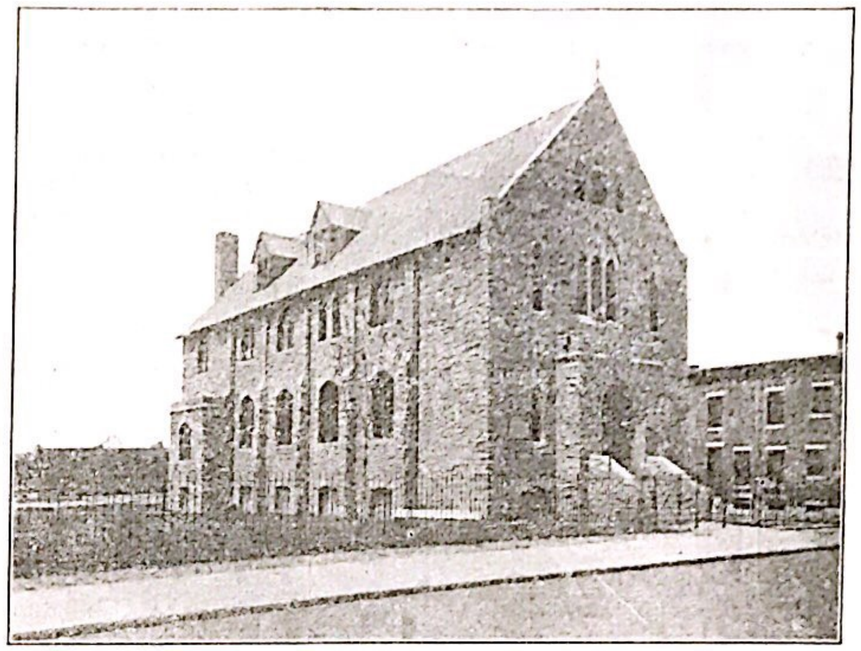
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LENT.

"Mother, dear, your hand is so cooling and refreshing to my feverish head. I feel as if I am becoming myself again. The endless rush of work and pleasure, and the anxieties incident to both must have heated my brains abnormally, now, as you keep your refreshing hand on my forehead, I see why many of the things which I thought real, in my pursuit after them, have turned out to be phantoms. It was as if I were drinking foam to quench my thirst. How glad I am that you, dear mother, have invited me to this rest. Your hand is so cooling and refreshing; and the joy of this quiet communion is indeed joy unspeakable. Is not tomorrow Ash Wednesday? Now I see the wisdom of Lent. It is Mother Church who says to her children, 'Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile.' And our souls are refreshed and sobered by prayer, meditation, and self-restraint. Oh, thou rushing, seething, boisterous, shrieking, laughing, groaning world; thou who art bowed low to the ground under the heavy load of pain and pleasure; I behold myself in thee! Canst thou not see Lent, in the beauty of holiness, holding in snow-white hand the message of Him who speaketh: 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

"Among my friends there are some on whom fortune smiles exceedingly, and their eyes are dazzled in health, comfort and pleasure. The eyes of others are dimmed either by tears of affliction or of the sweat of labor; and the minds of others are befogged by strong drink, and they dwell in poverty and dirt. Still others there are who, by reason of lack of work, are busy driving the wolf from the door. Every alarm of the doorbell brings to mind the inexorable rent collector while starvation is staring in the face. Yet, dear mother, all these might profit alike by the message which Lent brings to them. Repentance, prayer, self-restraint, good work, hope, love of Christ, and respect for the Church, what cannot these do for the children of men? Blessed be Lent. Thou comest to me with healing in thy wings. May thy spirit quicken the hearts of all men."

Tears of joy ran down the cheeks of the mother, as she lifted up her eyes and repeated the words of the Psalmist: "Great are the troubles of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of all."

PRAYER.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who doth govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to the community in which we live all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare; strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; and make all to be of one mind and heart within Thy holy Church; to the honor and glory of Thy great Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Quarterly Parish Guild Meeting will take place the first Tuesday this month, March 7, at 8 P. M. All our societies, including the Choir, should be represented to give a report of their work in the past three months. Our parishioners and friends are most cordially invited. Come and help us to make it a profitable meeting.

It is to be hoped that our Confirmation Class this year will be even larger than that of last year. But it is not numbers that count as much as quality. Let us all pray daily that the Church may grow both in grace and numbers. The Minister will appreciate applications for Confirmation.

It is also to be hoped that some kind friend will donate to this Mission a Bishop's chair. The one used at our last Confirmation was borrowed from the old Chapel, Venango. That chair was presented to the Chapel some years ago by its sexton, in memory of his wife.

We are also in need of a small reed organ, without a top, so that the choirmaster might face the young members of the choir in training them.

Our friends are asked again to send us all the shoes and clothing they can spare. These things are much in demand here. All shipments should be addressed to the Minister in Charge.

Three illustrated lectures on Missions will be given by the members of our Junior Auxiliary on Tuesday evenings, March 14, 21, and 28, on China, Japan and Alaska. The most interesting feature of this laudable enterprise is the way in which these lectures will be given. The members themselves will be the lecturers, and there is quite a company of them. We trust that the congregation will see to it that the children have a good audience.

Some one has suggested a very big and yet not an unreasonable undertaking. It is to build a house for the Minister on the ground already provided for it. After many years of life of a "boarder," and faithful work for the Church and neighborhood, it is thought that to afford him a home would be but a proper recognition of his services. The idea seems a good one, but the task is big. It may be that the good people of Richmond will join St. George's congregation in the erection of a home for its Minister, then difficulties will disappear.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
364, Feb. 5, Harry Schmitt
365, 10, Major Charles Morrison
366, 12, Jane Carter Atkins
367, 25, Stephen Henry Hogate

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

No.
60, March 1, George M Annesley and Carrie Nellon

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
171, Feb. 27, Marion Price

Two more free lectures have been secured for the people, to be given by Mr. Hampton L. Carson in the Free Library Hall, March 4 and 11, 8 P. M., on William Penn and Benjamin Franklin, Mr. Carson was formerly Attorney-General of this State.

On the Sunday before Lent mite boxes were distributed among our Sunday School scholars, in which they are to save their daily contributions throughout Lent as their Easter offering toward Missions. They are to present their united offering on Easter Day. Parents are requested to encourage their children in learning the lesson of self-denial, for Christ's sake, and to help in the safe-keeping and consecration of their mites. There is nothing more beautiful than the self-denial of children for the work of Missions.

Easter envelopes will be offered to members and friends of St. George's to afford them the opportunity of making their Easter offering to the Church, according to the time-honored custom of our Church. Each recipient is asked to put his or her name on the envelope and return it on Easter Day with a gift. The best way to make such an offering is to lay aside a contribution daily throughout Lent according to one's ability, and to present the sum of it on Easter Day. This offering is toward the running expenses of the Church.

SCRIPTURE.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, even so do to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Let every man do according as he is disposed in his heart, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labor that proceedeth of love; which love ye have showed for His name's sake. To do good, and to distribute forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

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PRAYER.

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Most gracious Lord, we pray thee bless the boys and girls of our neighborhood. Quicken in their hearts the spirit of devotion. May they gladly seek the services and duties of Thy holy Church, and by their example and zeal lead others to the same privileges. Strengthen them in all good habits, teach them how to pray, and make their lives useful and happy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COAL FUND.

Still to be raised, $113.75; received from J. Rodman Paul, $15; balance to be raised, $98.75.

Our Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is making steady progress, both in character and number. We have now fifteen members and some probationers. Our special study this year is Church History.

Our Senior Chapter has shown unusual life lately, and has assumed the care and responsibility of the carbarn services every Sunday afternoon, at the Richmond and Allegheny carbarn, with renewed enthusiasm.

The house party given by Mrs. Elmer Sutters in behalf of the Mothers' meeting, February 28th, was a decided success, socially and otherwise.

OLD CHAPEL NEWS.

St. Alban's parish, Roxborough, kindly presented the Chapel with a beautiful stone baptismal font, which was used for the first time on Septuagesima Sunday in the baptism of the sweet little daughter of Mr. Paul S. Atkins, lay-reader in charge of the Mission. There stood at the font Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. M. F. Crosse, Mrs. L. A. Weishampel, Messrs. Jeff. D. Merrick and Charles G. Barnes.

Week-day services will be held through Lent on Thursday evenings, at 7.45 o'clock.

The following is a list of speakers on Sunday evening services: George H. Streaker, March 5th; Rev. A. J. Arkin, 12th; J. Lee Patton, 19th; S. Mendelsohn Meehan, 26th; Daniel Birch, April 2d, and Dr. John Wilkinson, April 9th.

The Bishop's visit is looked to with much expectation and a Confirmation Class is being organized.

The supper given by the Guild on February 7th was a splendid success in every way, and the G. F. S. Social, on Washington's Birthday, afforded the members and friends an exceedingly enjoyable time.

The general conditions of the Chapel continue to improve. When the truck farms are turned into building lots, as it will come to pass, St. George's Chapel, Venango, will have a greater work to do. It is now building its foundation.

Do not dare to live without some clear intention, toward which your living shall be bent. Mean to be something with all your might.—*Phillips Brooks.*

TWO ORDINANCES.

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Christian people may differ on unimportant things; and they may so exaggerate these points of difference as to divide them into Denominations Once divided, they may regard one another with suspicion, each thinking himself better than any of the others. Having formed this opinion of themselves they may find more satisfaction in fighting for religion than loving for their faith. Indeed they may count it a service for God every time they belittle a Denomination not their own. Such has been the deplorable history of God's children in the past.

Yet, what does our Lord and Master insist upon? He has given us only two Ordinances, called Sacraments, in plain simple words. So that no one could misread or misunderstand Him.

One Ordinance commands us that we should be baptized "in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." There is no rules laid down as to the method of Baptism. The only requirements are Water and the Spirit.

The second Ordinance given us in the same straightforward and simple language is the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This He Himself showed and taught His disciples to do in remembrance of Him.

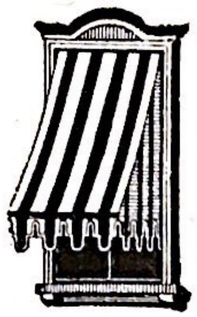
Surely all Christian people agree upon these two Ordinances. And because of this agreement, in spite of differences, Baptism and Holy Communion are of paramount importance to those who profess and call themselves Christians.

Dear reader, Are you baptized? Are your children baptized. Please do not fall into the small notion that there is a difference between Christening and Baptizing. They are both one and the same thing. When the Minister uses water and the words of our Lord he baptizes. By Baptism we assume the name Christian; therefore people call it Christ-ening. Are you baptized? Do you bear the name Christian by Baptism, as a nickname?

Do you come to Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper, as He commands you? What is it? I hear you muttering something about not being good enough, not having any time, not being a member of the Church, and some other excuses incohrent and inconsistent with one another. But please, dear friend, will you not be reasonable, and give yourself a satisfactory answer why you do not come to Holy Communion when our Lord Christ commands you to do so in the plain words "This do in remembrance of me."

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Some people for convenience sake worship nature; or they make themselves believe that they do so, and imagine that by doing so they have performed their duties to God and men. Oh, yes, that most beautiful flower, charming to the eye, pleasant to the senses, cheering the heart with its fragrance. Alas, there is the black ugly insect eating at the very heart of it, fattening itself on the flower's life and dying with it. Do not forget the existence of sin and the Blood of Jesus Christ to save us from sin's destroying power.



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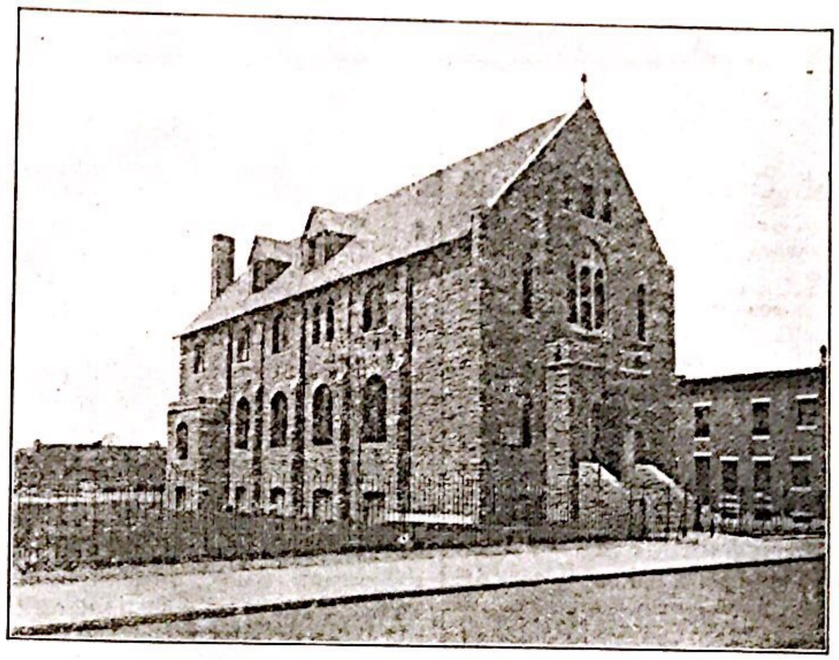
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EASTER

Have you noticed, dear reader, the change in the atmosphere about you? And have you also felt a stirring within you, a quickening force working silently in your soul? What does this awakening mean? Is it the mere result of April's shifting winds? Is your blood quickened at the triumph of spring over relentless winter? Or are you struck by the noiseless and miraculous bursting forth of life from death everywhere and in infinite variety? Or, do you hear in this grand chorus of hallelujahs the reassuring Easter message from Him who still speaks: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die."

During Eastertide the Easter atmosphere is all-pervading. It is not only felt in Churches and in homes, the two greatest institutions in the world, but it also fills the streets. It is where men are; and not even the noisiest workshop can drown, or shut out, the thought and feeling of Easter.

Thus it happened that a group of workman in their overalls, having lit their pipes after the noonday lunch, and while waiting for the second whistle, fell into talking about Easter.

"Easter," broke in one of the younger workman rather flippantly with no evident pretention to thoughtfulness. "Easter is just good for women to show their new hats in churches and on the boardwalk at Atlantic City" "Yes," chimed in another, "and it is also to the interest of department stores and florists to keep it up." "I heard a man say," another workman spoke up, "that Easter was a heathen custom; he said something about a goddess by that name." "You fellows have got it all mixed up," at last remarked the oldest of the group who bore a thoughtful face, "Easter is the festival of our Lord's resurrection from the earliest time of the Christian Church. The Saxons had a spring festival in honor of their goddess Eostre, according to an early English writer, and when Christianity was introduced among them they naturally transferred the name of their spring festival to the feast of the resurrection, and this is the way the English speaking people, and their kindred peoples, came to the name Easter. But if you really want to know the origin of Easter, its substance and not its name, go to the New Testament as honest men, and read carefully the story of Jesus Christ and the Epistles of St. Paul and the other Epistles, and you will find it harder to disbelieve them than to believe them. Spring time is but a symbol, a reminder, of the real meaning of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is our assurance of the immortality, of our souls. Do you ever think of what this means to us and to mankind? Let me give you an example from my experience. Fifteen years ago to-day my boy Charles was snatched away almost

from my arms by cruel death. He was my only child, and a more promising young man I have never known. My wife and I lived for him. And when he had gone we felt our life had gone. The world to us became suddenly dark as if the sun had been taken out of the heavens. I wished I were dead. The kindly words of comforting friends seemed to mock my sorrow. I sat at the funeral with my heart turned into stone, and I could not weep. It was inexpressible agony. Suddenly I heard the voice of the Minister, and the words he read seemed to me coming from heaven like a ray of light, sweet and comforting, and I could weep. And these were the words: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die." Can you imagine what this meant to me? My Charlie was a believer in Christ; and my heart cried out to God: 'Lord I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.' From that moment my agony was broken, and I could weep for my son, but no more like a man without hope. My sadness has sweetened into deep joy with the coming and going of each Easter, the feast of the r surrection for I believe every word of our Lord Jesus Christ to be true. None but thoughtless and sinful men disregard Him. As a rule the wisest, and purest, and best men and women believe in the immortality of the soul. The trouble with so many of our fellows is that they try to avoid the company of such men and women. Do they go to hear the best peachers? Do they go to hear the best lecturers? Do they go to see the best plays? Do they seek to read the best books? Do they read the cleanest newspapers? If they did, they would agree with me who through terrible affliction, thank God, have come to the real meaning of Easter" The speaker was interrupted by the deafening whistle of the shop, and as each workman hastened to his post he muttered, "Joe is all right" For this was the name of the speaker.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Holy Week begins with the Sunday next before Easter. On Thursday evening of that week, commonly called Maundy Thursday there will be Evening Service and administration of the Lord's Supper at 8 o'clock. It is a Service which all Christian people should attend.

There will also be Evening Service on Good Friday at 8 o'clock.

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On Easter Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 a. m.; Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday School Festival at 2 p. m. when the Lenten Offering of the children will be presented; and Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7.30. We feel that this Easter will bring more joy to our congregation and friends than any Easter gone before.

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In the death of Mr. J. Howard Stevens, a devoted member of the Methodist Church in Richmond, this community has lost one of its best citizens, and the world is poorer by his absence. Young men

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.		
369,	March 5,	Alvion Bloomer
370,	" 5,	Elva May Evelyn Laney
371,	" 12,	Norman Class
372,	" 14,	Helda May Irons
373,	" 19,	Elizabeth Stewart McGarvey

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.		
172,	Feb. 16,	Lucy Margaret Moore
173,	Mar. 4,	Max Gottlieb Herz
174,	" 11,	Sarah Kunkel
175,	" 23,	Major Charles Morrison
176,	" 27,	Elsie Woodworth

of his tastes and character are rare, they are truly the salt of the earth. God has claimed His own, and we bow to His will with sad heart, but with steadfast faith in His wisdom and mercy.

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CONFIRMATION

On Friday, April 28th, at 8 p m., Bishop Thomas of Wyoming will administer the rite of confirmation in the Old Chapel, E. Venango and Edgemont Streets. Let us pray that the class be large and good.

On Trinity Sunday evening, June 11th Bishop Kinsman of Delaware will visit St. George's, (Richmond). We trust and pray that many will turn their hearts to God, and join our Confirmation Class on Trinity Sunday. The Minister will appreciate consultation with him on this matter. The Bible term for Confirmation is *Laying on of Hands*. This is also the term used in our Prayer Book. (See Acts 8: 14-18, 19: 6, Hebrews 6: 2.

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It is with deep satisfaction and with a sense of pardonable pride that we are able to report to the parents of our children a marked improvement in the order and conduct of the Sunday School. Beginning after Easter we shall make mention of the classes especially distinguishing themselves for attendance and conduct. The records for behavior for the last few months are gratifying. Since last September our Sunday School has steadily grown, both in numbers and efficiency. But we are still in need of more teachers, especially of the kind of teachers who emphasize the importance of regular attendance.

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We look to every one who has regard for the Church to help to make the Easter Offering respectable, and encourage the children to do the same.

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George's. But he is required to report yearly the number of communicants who can be reasonably regarded as such. He would therefore be grateful for applications from those who are thinking of affiliating themselves with this Church so that their names may be put on the Register and included in the report; and to grant letters of transfer to those who are thinking of making their home Church elsewhere. He is loath to drop any names from the list of members unless he is forced to do this by the evident indifference or willful neglect of their owners, that is to say, unless they excommunicate themselves.

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St. George's Guild will be glad to receive orders for Easter flowers a large assortment of which they will have at the Parish House for sale.

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Those having potted flowers suitable for the decoration of the Chancel on Easter Day are asked, if they be willing, to bring them to the Church Saturday before Easter sometime between 2 and 5 p. m. They can be taken home soon after Easter Day. We trust effort will be cheerfully given to this laudable task.

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Are you coming to the Bible Class? We meet at 3 p. m. every Sunday. Come and bring your friends. We can spend a very profitable hour together on the Book of Books.

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In presenting or sending your Easter envelope please do not fail to put your name in the space provided for it. All envelopes are supposed to be presented on Easter Day, if possible.

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"When we cannot look forward or backward, we can look upward"

PRAYER

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our Hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness; and in Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen:*

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I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

As we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good —St. Paul.

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The Girls' Friendly Society are preparing for an entertainment to be given the last week in this month for the benefit of the Church. We would suggest to every society to be on the alert and active for the Church each in its own good way.

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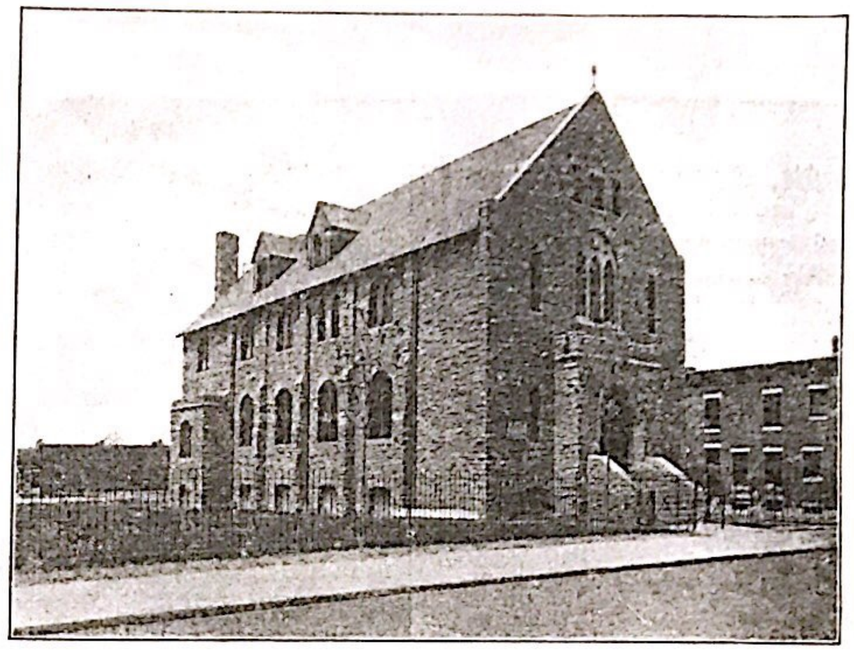
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WHEN THE DEVIL LAUGHS

Be not frightened, dear reader, at this uncanny subject; neither turn it into a passing jest; but rather learn thou wisdom from the great masters of mankind and from the Book of Life. The greatest minds, Dante, Milton, Goethe gave serious attention to the works of the devil in the life of men; and the Master Himself thought not Satan a mere fancy. It is only small men who either joke at the idea of the devil, because they see him not, or become terrified at his sight. However, the devil has long ceased to show himself in his frightful ugliness. He has found that he can accomplish more as a comely looking and not at all disagreeable person. He laughs too; but it is by his laugh that he is known. It is not a hearty laugh, because the devil has no heart; but it is a hollow mocking laugh. And he seems to laugh very much. There are so many things now-a-days which make him laugh.

For instance; when people go to bed late Saturday night, and find themselves tired Sunday morning, too tired to worship God.

The devil laughs when Sunday newspapers are full with interesting items and very funny pictures; and when people think on Sunday of how hard they work the rest of the week.

The devil laughs when the weather is threatening on the Lord's day; and when people show politeness and fellowship to their friends on Sunday to such an extent as to forget their politeness and love to God.

The devil especially laughs when people call on a Minister in trouble and forget him in their prosperity; and when they give him a free ride to a funeral, and care not how he gets on between funerals; and when they make to him the promises which they do not intend to fulfill.

The devil usually laughs when the collection plate is passed during the offertory, for there is usually some one in the congregation who makes the devil laugh.

The devil laughs when a Sunday School teacher finds it impossible to be present at the post of duty or discovers that the task is too heavy.

He laughs also when men avoid the study of the Bible not because they know it; and laughs loudest when they scoff at the Book of Life because they know it not.

The devil laughs when men would rather fight for religion than live it, and when jealousy or pride raises her hideous head amidst the peaceful company of God's household.

There are times, however, when he is very ill at ease, and much discomforted, and that is when the Church bell rings; but this does not last long. Then he laughs more boisterously to make up for the lost time. But that laugh is a laugh of despair.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

God has realized our hope and expectation, and Easter Day was a day of joy at St. George's, both in the Old Chapel and the new.

The following is a brief statement of Easter offerings generously presented by our congregation and Sunday School at St. George's, (Richmond.)

Mothers' Meeting	$50.00
Mothers' Meeting, Bishop's Chair in memory to the late Bishop Whitaker	45.04
St. George's Guild	150 00
Other members and friends	120.00
Junior Auxiliary, carpet	71.25
Woman's Auxiliary, Missions	10.15

The following special gifts from the Sunday School:

Primary Dept., Missions		$20.00
Cradle Roll, Missions		16.00
Miss Ziegler's Class, Easter Offering		3.04
Miss Stewart's Class	"	4.00
Miss Fries' Class	"	4 00
Miss Mount's Class	"	5.25
Mr. McKinley's Class	"	4 40
Miss Boyle's Class	"	1.82
Mr. Atkin's Class	"	3.15
Lenten Offering by mite boxes		76.96

The following scholars have exceeded the 40 cent limit. They are given in order beginning with the highest:

Mildred Doole, Anna Abrahamson, Florence Falkner, Charles Shumaker, Mary Bingham, Sadie Bingham, Edna Philler, Henry Bauder, Helen Keck, Mary E. Dougherty, Marian Moffatt, Edith Schada, Mary Woodworth, George Honeyford, William Patterson, William Potter, Carl Mau, Raymond Pentzel, Raymond Millington John Yeager, George Bauer, Thomas McGarvey, Charles Saybolt, Edwin Bauer, Minnie Bauer, Emma Martin, Wilbur McDonald, Thomas Honeyford, Norman Class, Jennie Dever, Harry Brailey, Margaret Boyle, Lauraine Atger, Fanny Laney, Elizabeth Patterson, Richard Honeyford, Joseph Hess, Edna Fruh, Margaret Currey, Jerry Rohrback, Elwin Standenmeyer, William Lawson, Charles Scheibel, Charles Griess.

These names are mentioned in fulfilment of a promise made to the Sunday School by the Superintendent before Lent. But we have many more children equally self-denying for our Lord's sake. The minister knows many children whose contributions though small in the eyes of men are great in the eyes of God. He judges a gift by what it costs the giver.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon our faithful teachers and officers and their scholars for the splendid behavior and good order in the School.

After Easter we all start with new vigor to make even better showing in the days that come.

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CONFIRMATION

On Trinity Sunday Evening, June 11th, Bishop Kinsman of Delaware will visit this Church to administer the Apostolic rite of the *Laying on of Hands* commonly called Confirmation, on those who are willing to receive it. If you turn to the Scripture, our Guide Book as it were, [Acts 8: 14-18; 19 6; Hebrews 6: 2] you will find that this rite has been used in the

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
374,	April	2,	William Henry Tomlinson
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376,	"	7,	Richard Honeyford Burns
377,	"	9,	Albert Eglinger
378,	"	9,	Clifford Charles Gibbs
379,	"	10,	Leslie Jefferson
380,	"	16,	Anna Eleanor Merchant

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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.			
177,	April	21,	William Frederick Braitmaier
178,	"	30,	Henry G Kaufmann

Church from the very beginning; from the days of St. Peter and St. John and St. Paul. All baptized persons received the Laying on of Hands by the Apostles and after them by the Bishop. There is not a baptized person who does not make his life in the Church more complete according to the Scriptures who receives the Laying on of Hands in conformity with the time honored custom of the Church.

Confirmation does not take anything away from the faith of any Christian, nor does it modify his faith in our Lord Jesus, in whatsoever Church he may have been baptized. Rather does Confirmation complete, according to the Scriptures, what faith we have in Christ and His Church. We become members of Christ and His Church at our Baptism. That is the day when we 'join the Church' But we feel our membership in Church more complete when we do just what Christian people have done from the days of the Apostles. They traveled long distances to give the Laying on of Hands to those who had been baptized. They, having been nearest to Christ, must have felt this rite to be of deep significance to the baptized, and in accordance with the will of Christ. Who are we that we should do otherwise?

June the 11th is an opportunity for you, dear reader, who have not yet received the Laying on of Hands. Will you not come and do as the Church has done from the beginning according to the Scriptures? Speak to the Minister about it, and he will gladly inform you.

The Junior members of the Class will meet every Friday evening. They may also attend the Wednesday and Sunday Evening Services with the Senior members of the class; for on these Services the Minister will discuss the subject of Confirmation.

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The following Prayer is suggested to our congregation to be used daily in connection with their prayers for a goodly Confirmation Class:

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good things; Graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness; and in Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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On Thursday, April 27th, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle visited our Men's Club with some members of his Bible Class. He spoke very earnestly to the men on the good of a Men's Bible Class, and told them of his experience in Bible Class work and method of learning the Bible. The result of this visit is the organization of a Men's Bible Class. We meet every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. We started with 12 members and hope to see the Class grow. Thus has our earnest prayer been answered. Will *you* not come?

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The entertainment given by the G. F. S. for the benefit of the Church on April 25th was a decided success. Whenever the girls make up their minds they usually succeed one way or another.

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St. George's Dramatic Club held a lively meeting April 18th. Miss Jean R. Ziegler was elected secretary to fill a vacancy. It was decided to give an entertainment entitled "The District School at Blueberry Corners," June 13th, 8 p. m. The Dramatis Personae will consist of nearly 30 persons, and there is much entertainment for the audience. Ticket, 15 cents.

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The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew had a social evening after the transaction of the regular business of the Chapter April 21st. The principal speaker of the evening was Mr. George H. Streaker who came to visit the boys. It was just one of those evenings in which boys enjoy themselves mostly both intellectually, morally and physically. The best thing of it all is the bond of friendship and brotherhood established between Mr. Streaker and our boys. We should rejoice in seeing him here again.

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We were glad to have Mr. Streaker address our Sunday School on Easter Day. We are sure the pleasure was mutual.

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Beginning with the 1st Sunday after Easter the Visitor will report the banner classes for each month past. There are ten classes in the Main Department. The first Sunday after Easter seven classes reported 100 per cent in conduct; 2 classes 80 per cent and one 85 per cent. On the 2nd Sunday after Easter all but one class reported 100 per cent in conduct. The conduct of one class was 90 per cent. This is a splendid record of orderliness and behavior in Sunday School.

For the period since Easter the honor of the largest collection per capita belongs equally to Miss Stewart's and Mr. Schwenderman's classes. This, however, cannot be exactly given till the end of the year, as the classes have also their missionary boxes to which they contribute privately. The honor of the largest attendance belongs to Mr. McKinley's Class.

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Our Quarterly Parish Guild Meeting comes on the first Tuesday evening, June 6, at 8 o'clock. It is absolutely necessary and proper that every society and guild be represented with the quarterly report of work and accomplishment. Those who are truly interested in the workings of this Church will see to it that this meeting is well attended by members and friends of the church. Make no engagement for June 6th, and come to the Parish Guild Meeting.

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Our boys and girls who intend to take advantage of summer outings should make application to the Minister or to their Sunday School teacher, so that places may be provided for them.

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Our advertisers have been so kind to the Visitor that it is only just that our readers should show the same courtesy to our advertisers, everything else being equal, one good turn deserves another. It is usually well to say to advertising business men: "I have seen your ad. in the Visitor."

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We need more men in our choir, tenors and basses. Are there not some young men to offer their services for the perfection of our choir. Mothers and fathers who love their children will do very much for their young in encouraging them to enlist in the service of the Choir. It is one of the best things parents can do for their children. Without exception, the choir remains always, even in after years, a deep source of gratification to those who have served in it.

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OLD CHAPEL NEWS

The people of St. George's Chapel, Venango, presented their organist, choirmaster and friend, Mr. Charles G. Barnes, with a handsome Church Hymnal, bearing his name with an expression of affectionate regard from the people and Lay Reader of the Chapel.

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The evening Service on Easter Day was largely attended. The music rendered by the choir was exceptionally good. They sang the anthem 'Lo He is Risen." The soloists were Misses Elizabeth Bickley, Laura Vanderslice and Mr. Joseph Hanson.

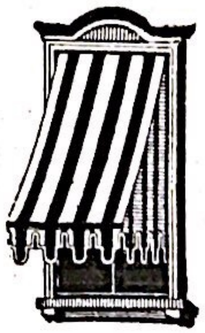
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Bishop Nathaniel S. Thomas visited the Chapel the Second Sunday after Easter at 10.30 a, m The Service was largely attended. He preached a very helpful sermon on the text St. John 20· 16., and confirmed the following persons, who were presented by Rev. A. J Arkin,

Catharine M Abrams, Esther L. Alexander, Lawrence Henderson, Margaret Henderson, Helen Hewitt, Henry J. Oechsle, Dorothy Schoell, Elsie Anna Seemueller

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Easter Day was celebrated with two hearty Services. 125 children were present at the Sunday School Service. The Lenten offering from this loyal and devout Sunday School is $32 50 for general missions and $5. for the House of St. Michael & All Angels, West Philadelphia. A great work of Miss Katherine C. Coulter is the Girls' Frindly Branch of 25 members which she organized and is maintaining. She needs help; will you volunteer?



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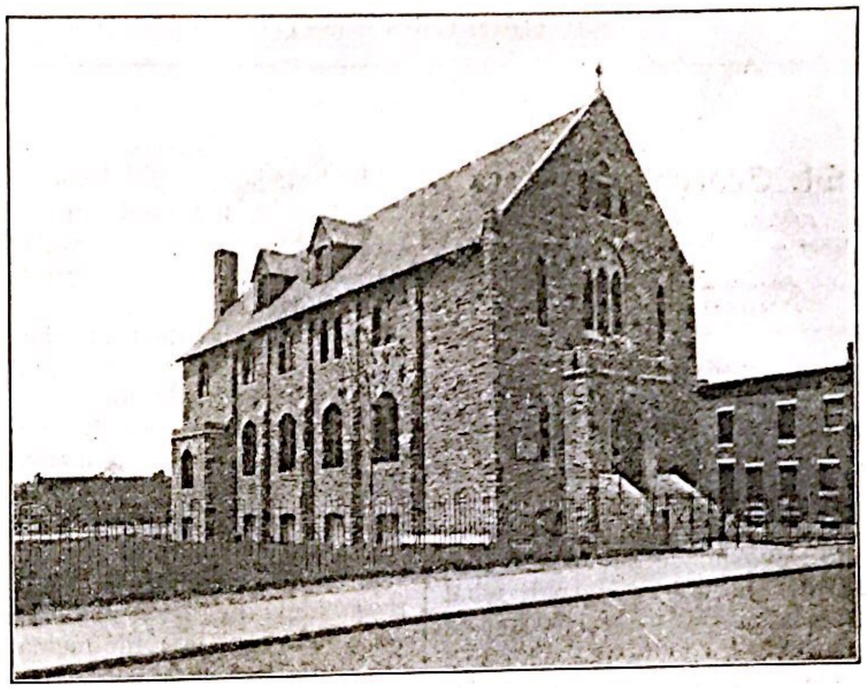
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DECORATION DAY.

A little girl, hardly eight years of age, apparently heedless to what her older brother was telling his chum how he was to spend Decoration Day, suddenly turned to him with the question: "Harold, what is Decoration Day?" Harold looked to his chum for help, as if taken by surprise; and waiting in vain he was much embarrassed. Boy as he was, he felt the absurdity of talking of his engagements on Decoration Day, not knowing its meaning. Rallying the best he could, for he was not to be baffled by a little girl, he said with some hesitation: "Decoration Day is when people have a good time, ball games, and other sports, and everything." Rather a vague definition of Decoration Day. Even Flossy felt its incompleteness, to say the least. So, with that irrepressible desire to know, peculiar to the daughters of Eve, she left her brother and turned to father who sat at the parlor window reading after his day's work.

"Decoration Day," said the father kindly, putting the book aside, and drawing his child closer to him, "Decoration Day was first proclaimed by General Logan, who was also the National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed May 30, 1868. It was for the purpose of strewing with flowers and otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the Civil War, and whose bodies lie in almost every cemetery in the land. They also strew flowers on the waters in memory of those who were buried in the sea. It is in memory of the brave men who died for the good of their country in battle, and also in memory of the brave who fought for principle and for right that their graves are decorated, and therefore it was called Decoration Day; but now it is better known as Memorial Day. At first this only applied to soldiers; but gradually, and quite reasonably, the people made it a day on which we honor the memory of all our dear ones who have gone before us, and whose bodies are returned to mother earth. While we decorate the graves we really do so in sweet memory of them that are with God in heaven. Therefore Memorial Day is the better name. Baseball, sports and things of amusement have nothing to do with Memorial Day. They are like the weeds which grow up naturally in an uncultivated garden. They do not belong there, yet they are there, through carelessness or thoughtlessness; just as fashion has invaded our Easter Day, and the noise of fire crackers in drowning the voice of the Declaration of Independence'.' Evidently the father's train of thought had carried him beyond the grasp of his little girl, for she stopped him with this question: "You say that it is good to remember our dear ones. Why do we not remember our Lord; is He not dear to us? I heard our minister preach last Sunday, and he said that coming to Holy Communion is to remember our Lord's suffering on the Cross for our good, and that Communion Day is our Memorial Day

to our Lord, and that Sunday newspapers, and other amusements have nothing to do with the observance of the Lord's Day. Are they also the weeds permitted to grow up in the garden through carelessness or thoughtlessness, papa?" Now it was the father's turn to become embarrassed; but he got out of the difficulty by telling Flossy to better go and help mother finish doing the dishes in the kitchen, and be a good girl; and himself took up his book as before.

CONFIRMATION.

The Right Rev. Frederick J. Kinsman, D.D., Bishop of Delaware, will administer the rite of Confirmation, or as the Bible calls it, the Laying on of Hands, Sunday evening, June 11, to those who wish to receive it. It is an opportunity of which every Christian should avail himself; because it is scriptural, and because it is helpful, both to him who receives Confirmation and to the Church which gives it.

It is one of satan's devices to make people believe that as long as they are not confirmed they are freer to do evil than those who are confirmed; that in Confirmation one takes additional burdens by taking new vows. No one takes in Confirmation new vows, but in Confirmation he finds help and power to perform the old vows, and carry the burdens which God has laid upon us from the beginning. To shirk Confirmation is to be like one who tries to avoid responsibility by not thinking of it. Is it not better to face the responsibility and shoulder it with God's help? The Church needs you, and you need the Church. Is there anything more important than this to hinder Confirmation?

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The following is taken from our annual report to the Diocesan Convention held early in May:

St. George's (Richmond):
Baptized, 59.
Confirmed, 25.
Sunday School, 356.
Receipts, $3,962.93.
Expenses, $4,201.54.
Missions, etc., $274.90.
Communicants, 207.

St. George's (Venango):
Baptized, 10.
Confirmed, 8.
Sunday School, 156.
Receipts, $549.20.
Expenses, $596.67.
Missions, etc., $37.50.
Communicants, 33.

The coming Confirmation Class will raise the total number of communicants to about 270 at least

Estimated value of both properties, $36,000.

Those who still remember the condition of the Mission ten years ago will thank God for the increase.

QUARTERLY GUILD MEETING.

It is the privilege, as well as the duty, of all our members to be present at this meeting and bring their families and friends with them. This being the last Parish Guild meeting of the working year, reports from all societies will be heard, giving account of their year's work. The meeting will be held Tuesday evening, June 6, at 8

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

381, May 7, Robert Thomas Woodworth
382, " 14, Pauline Kerr
383, " 21, William Stringfield Lawson
384, " 28, Ruth Evelyn Keck

MARRIAGES

No.

61, May 6, { Harry Stengel / Elizabeth Wister

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

179, May 15, Albert Morgandale

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o'clock. We expect an enjoyable evening.

The Men's Club gave a fair on May 19-20, and cleared a substantial sum. All debts have been paid up, and there is some money in the treasury. The members of the Club appreciate very much the support of our people and friends who helped to make this fair a success. Next.

The Dramatic Club is rehearsing actively for "The District School on Blueberry Corner," to be given by the members of the Club, Tuesday evening, June 13.

A CORRECTION.

In giving the roll of honor of children contributing towards Missions during Lent, the following were omitted by error: Joe Neider, Howard Wong and Grace Wong.

The Roll of Honor of Classes of the Main Department for the last month is as follows:

For good conduct—Girls: All perfect except No. 2, which received 85 per cent. on one Sunday. The boys: Nos. 5 and 7.

For attendance — Girls: Miss Ziegler's class. Boys: Mr. Schwenderman's class. For liberality in contribution: Mr. Schwenderman's class first and Miss Stewart's class second. The girls stand higher in conduct than the boys. The boys stand higher in attendance than the girls. In liberality of contribution, girls and boys about even as a school.

The Men's Bible Class has reached the number of 25, by a steady and healthy growth. We meet at 9 A. M. every Sunday. The lessons are growing in interest.

The Woman's Bible Class has reached the number 12. We count only those who attend. The pros-

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pects for growth are good. This class meets at 2 P. M. every Sunday.

Men and women are cordially invited to join their respective classes.

Who knows what a Home Department is? Well, we organized one in St. George's. Those men and women who would like to keep in touch with the Bible lessons in Sunday School, but cannot attend the Bible classes, will be furnished with a booklet containing lessons for three months. At the end of every quarter the booklets will be renewed. Members of this department are supposed to read these lessons at home whenever they can, a little at a time, and so keep themselves posted on the Bible lessons. Miss Jean R. Ziegler has undertaken to look after this department.

Any boy who is desirous of learning how to sing may have the privilege of our choir training under Mr. George F. Carey, our choirmaster and organist, every Wednesday at 4 P. M. He will get his instruction free in return for faithful service in the choir. Parents should heed this liberal offer. Girls can do the same.

At present there is a vacancy open for two tenors and one bass in the choir. Mr. Carey would be glad to receive applications.

Our Sunday School teachers and officers have been cordially invited by the Superintendent to a tea given Monday evening, June 19, at 8 o'clock, in the Parish House. A full attendance is very desirable. A timely notice from those who cannot come will be highly appreciated.

Our Sunday School excursion will take place, God willing, Thursday, July 27. Special arrangements have been made this year for plenty of room on the boat both ways. Strict orders have been given to use the big boat for passengers only. The grounds are secured exclusively for St. George's picnic. We shall have this year instrumental music; and our societies and clubs are requested to draw up a list of sports and athletics. This excursion promises to be even greater than any previous one.

St. George's has undertaken the task of caring for an excursion of 1000 children from this neighborhood to Lemon Hill through the kindness of the Lemon Hill Association. On Saturday, July 15, ten cars will stop on corner Indiana avenue and Thompson street at 12 o'clock sharp. Children under 14 years of age, of whatever church, or no church, are free to take advantage of this excursion. On the grounds they will be given the freedom of all the amusements, and ice cream besides. The place of meeting before starting is the school yard near the starting point. More information later.

The Junior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had an election of officers May 26. Charles Frederickson was elected vice-director; Oliver Harrison, secretary, and Frank Frederickson, treasurer.

Three new members were elected: Robert Kerland, Eric Edstrand and Clayton Hollowell.

At the evening service on Ascension Day, May 25, the following were formally admitted to membership of the Girls' Friendly Society: Misses Esther A. Klein, Edith Taylor, Lizzie Rumbelow and Lillian Moffatt.

On Monday, June 5, at 8 P. M., there will be evening service, at which the new branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, of more than twenty girls, will formally be admitted to membership. Miss Katherine C. Coulter, who has organized the branch, is its secretary. Her work as the principal of the Sunday School, and otherwise, in St. George's (Venango) is simply beyond praise. But this self-denying work of love in connection with her daily occupation will make it necessary for her to take some rest in the summer. She wishes to be away in July and August. We must not close the Sunday School. We therefore appeal for help to carry on her Sunday School work during these two months. Who will volunteer?

COAL FUND.

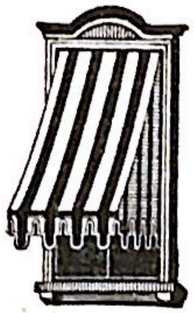
In time of peace prepare for war. The better saying is: Make hay while the sun shines. As we have already put in a supply of coal for next winter to secure the lower price offered, it seemed best to start the Coal Fund at once. Received from Miss Klein, $1; Mrs. Weston, 25 cents; Men's Club, $10; Girls' Friendly Society, $12. Total, $23.25.

We are deeply indebted to Mr. Walter G. Barlow, who is kindly giving manual training to our Boys' Hardworking Club, of which Master Halfton Pedersen is president. It is a privilege of which every boy should take advantage. The class meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30. Mr. Barlow is not only a competent teacher, but he is preeminently a Christian teacher. He is the kind of man who helps to make the life of the community better by his being in it. We trust our boys will appreciate his gifts.

The Treasurer would be very grateful for the making up of arrears in the envelope system of contributions towards the support of the church. He must meet bills as they come. A little extra effort may do a world of good.

The Mothers' Meeting and St. George's Guild will unite in a picnic about the second week in July. The definite date to be announced later.

We do not know of any community, Church, or school, whose children and young people excel the children and young of St. George's. Any body who takes a look at the gatherings of St. George's young people cannot but admire the handsomeness and genenral decorum of our boys and girls. There are nowhere more beautiful children, young men and maidens, than in St. George's. The influence of the Church without doubt is working mightily and wonderfully for beauty and goodness in the characters of our young in spite of the evil and destructive forces by which we are all surrounded.



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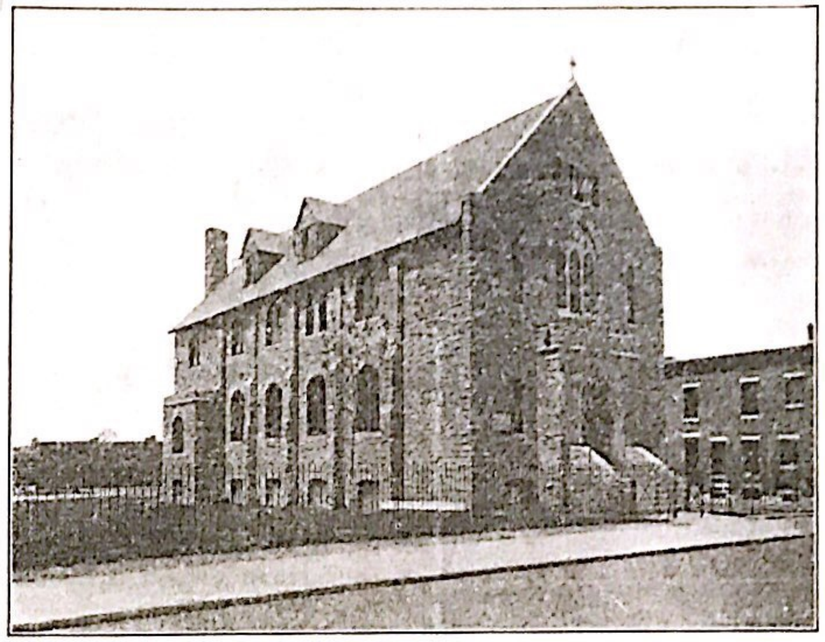
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WASTED ENERGY.

Bang! It was the report of a cannon firecracker. It startled the whole congregation. It broke into the sermon of the preacher, who nearly lost the train of thought. It racked the nerves of Mrs. Smith in her chair on the porch just across the street. It waked the sick child in her lap with a painful cry. It blew a hard-earned nickel into nothing. It left a disagreeable odor behind it; and shattered the hand of the boy who set it off. It brought the ambulance, hitched to two horses, with a driver and two big policemen. And it made the work of the hospital staff harder. But it did one good thing. It set in motion the brains of two workingmen in the neighborhood.

"Charlie," said one to the other, thoughtfully, "that shattered, blackened, empty firecracker reminds me of Billy Snow as he is to-day. I remember when he was like the firecracker, before the explosion, full of energy. Just think what good this stored-up power in the firecracker might have done, if it were well directed. It might have helped in the stone quarry for building purposes. It might have helped to put out forest fires. I am told that they are using powder in extensive plowing, or stump clearing for wheat and corn fields, and many other useful enterprises. Just think what havoc it plays when misdirected. A sermon which I heard an Episcopal clergyman preach years ago comes to my mind now. He said that God made man with desires and strong passions; that these passions are the motive power just as the fire in the furnace and the steam in the engine are the powers which move the wheels of the machines which make things. That these same powers, if permitted to break out, would play havoc and turn everything into cinders. Now, that I am getting on in years I can see how true the sermon was. I know not but it might have helped me; for we all when young tread on dangerous ground; and this sermon might have kept me away from a venture that would have ruined myself and family. I might have shared with Billy Snow his lot. This might have easily happened if I had spent that Sunday evening with Billy Snow instead of in church listening to the sermon, to the reading of the Scriptures, and the singing of the Hymns. I begin to see what the preachers mean by the word Salvation. Billy Snow was brighter than I. He had a larger capacity than I have for making good wages. I am not a saint; I could have done still better, and would have had much less to regret; but the home that I have, with one girl in the high school, and a boy studying civil engineering, and my youngest taking piano lessons, I think I owe all these to the influence of the Church. There is not a more Christian woman than my wife. I used to tease her about her anxiety not to miss a church service, her care in sending the children to Sunday school. I thought an all-day outing on Sunday would be better. But I have changed my mind. A church service helps to a clean life; keeps in check our passions, and directs them to activity for health and happiness. Absence from church weakens restraint. The passions break out unbridled, and you know what that means."

"There is no doubt about that," answered the other workman, very much impressed. "By the way, did you hear of the new Men's Bible Class which meets every Sunday morning at St. George's Church? I imagine one could spend an interesting hour in studying the Bible freely under a teacher. Frank tells me he would not miss it, and the other members seem very enthusiastic about the class."

"Sam Jones handed me a card the other day, inviting me to visit the Bible class. Will you come along?"

"Yes, I should like to try it, John." And thus did the firecracker; this particular firecracker; but it is one in thousands. Still it shows how good comes out of evil.

PRAYER.

Most gracious Lord, we pray Thee bless the boys and girls of our neighborhood. Quicken in their hearts the spirit of devotion. May they gladly seek the services and duties of Thy Holy Church, and by their example and zeal lead others to the same privileges. Strengthen them in all good habits, teach them how to pray, and make their lives useful and happy. And to their parents give Thy grace and wisdom in their endeavors to guide their children in the paths of righteousness. Bless them in their daily task, and increase the fruits of their labors that they may be strengthened in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Trinity Sunday evening, June 11, the Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Kinsman, D.D., Bishop of Delaware, administered the rite of confirmation to the following: Mr. Charles Seifert, Walter Seifert, Ida C. Didrickson, Julia A. Didrickson, John Mount, Mrs. Irene Madden, Edna A. Filler, Clara E. Vanderslice, Agnes Scott, Gertrude F. Tustin, Mr. Samuel F. Vanderslice, Margaret Curry, Margaret V. Koehler, Charles J. Chanderline, Emma M. Schaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gransback, Katherine McGowan, Florence A. B. Kerland, Mrs. Ella M. Fleckinger, George T. Ralston, Charles F. Ralston, Frank Frederickson, Raymond R. Jones, Emily Butler, Mrs. Ruth Levering, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Wolf, Ethel Wittemberger, Miss Rebecca H. Rutherford, Elisha J. Bingham, Mary Woodworth, William H. Dunston, Mrs. Sadie R. Busler.

Since God has been good in answering our prayer for a substantial confirmation class this year, we should begin at once to pray and work for even a larger increase for the coming confirmation day.

Our Junior Auxiliary has sent a box of baby clothes, valued at $15, to the Rev. George Bell, Asheville, N. C. This is to help Mr. Bell's work among the mountain people.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.		
385,	June 18,	Ellen Kershaw
386,	" 18,	Howard Stanley Foster
387,	" 18,	Ethel Irene Foster
388,	" 18,	John Howard Foster
389,	" 18,	Joseph Francis Foster
390,	" 18,	Catherine Louisa Foster
391,	" 25,	Jane Mycock
392,	" 25,	Edie Mycock
393,	" 25,	Sidney Mycock

MARRIAGES

No.		
62,	June 27,	John M. Donohue Lulu A. Werner

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.		
180,	June 13,	Ruth Cowan
181,	" 23,	Amelia Kimble
182,	" 28,	Norman Turkheimer

The union picnic of the Mothers' Meeting and St. George's Guild has been arranged for Wednesday, August 2. If it rains the company will go the following day. The most enjoyable picnic is such as is given by these two societies.

St. George's Guild will give a block party on Indiana avenue Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12. The committee of arrangement should begin at once its work. Careful and systematic work will insure success.

The Men's Club moonlight excursion comes on Friday, July 14. It is expected to be a success. Tickets can be procured from any of the members.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel-Biddle cordially invite all the members of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes, with their wives or sweethearts, to spend with them the Fourth at the Drexel estate, Lansdowne. "Come early and stay late" is the wording of the invitation. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, Bishop Suffragan-elect Thomas J. Garland, and other clergymen are expected among the guests of the day. Everything has been arranged to make the day a glorious one in fellowship and joy. St. George's class will start in a body from the Parish House at 7 A. M. to Sixty-ninth and Market streets, and from there take the electric to Lansdowne at 8.15. A full attendance is desirable.

You are requested to publish throughout the neighborhood the free children's excursion to Lemon Hill. There will be room for 1,000 children regardless of denomination. All children under 14 who wish may take advantage of this excursion. The cars will be on hand at 12 o'clock noon on corner Indiana avenue and Thompson street, Saturday, July 15. The chil-

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dren should meet in the McLellan school yard. We need 30 caretakers. Volunteers are welcome.

Tickets for our Sunday school picnic to Burlington Island are ready: 30 cents for adults and 15 for children. This is to be the greatest picnic in our history. Everything has been arranged for the comfort of the people and children especially. Remember, Thursday, July 27. Boat leaves Allegheny wharf 8.15 A. M. There will be music and much sport.

The Dramatic Club has fully justified its name by its performance of "The District School at Blueberry Corners," given at the Parish House, June 13. The basement was literally crowded. It was a pleasure to note the wealth of talent each member of the club displayed. One would think they were all born for the stage. The net proceeds will likely exceed $30, which sum is to be given to the church. What work can give more wholesome pleasure and profit than the work in which St. George's Dramatic Club is engaged? The performance will be repeated (by request) at the Old Chapel (Venango), Friday, July 7, 8 P. M.

The cry is still loud for Sunday school teachers and faithful choir members. We certainly have a faithful choir now, but we need more good voices to make it still richer in music and volume. Parents could do no better service for their children than to cultivate in them a taste for the choir.

Our Junior Auxiliary girls have organized a team for the famous school game, "captain ball," and there is a great demand for tennis shoes, since we like to keep up the beauty of our lawn. Will the good people who send us boxes for our store keep in mind tennis shoes for girls and boys 10 to 16 years of age.

The Boys' Hardworking Club have organized an orchestra under the guidance of their friend and instructor, Mr. Walter G. Barlow. They meet on Tuesday evenings 7.30 sharp. The qualifications for membership is a desire to learn and faithfulness of attendance at rehearsals. The boys are looking towards giving a musical early in the fall.

The Sunday School Roll of Honor for June is as follows: No. 4 is first; No. 2 is second; No. 5 is third. The conduct of all the school, with the exception of one or two classes, was excellent. Beginning with September we shall have perfected the roll of honor for the good of all. Are you getting ready for the great parade on September 23?

AT THE CHAPEL (VENANGO).

At a most helpful service Monday evening, June 5, Miss Katherine C. Coulter presented the following young ladies for admission into the Girls' Friendly Society, the minister in charge officiating: Elizabeth McCollough, Elsie Seemueller, Louisa Seemueller, Katherine Bothner, Jennie Gordon, Lillie Gordon, Elizabeth Sylvester, Margaret Bieber, Anna Oechsle, Anna Arndt, Edna Read, Laura Vanderslice, Jennie Maxwell, Katie Rebel, Katherine Abrams, Lydia Kuhn, Sadie Hansen, Mary Hansen, Esther Alexander, Frances Brodzinski, Anna Lafferty. Thus, Miss Coulter is sowing on good ground.

During July and August, Chapel services will be held at 10.30 in the morning instead of evening. Holy Communion at 8.30 A. M. the first Sunday in the month, as usual.

The Kindergarten, under Miss Ott, held their annual exercises Friday afternoon, June 23. There was a large attendance of little ones and mothers. The program consisted of hymns, prayer, address by Mr. Arkin, and a most pleasing display by the children of the results of the year's work.

While the children were entertained in a separate room, the mothers had their social, and the meeting closed with refreshments. Miss Ott was assisted by Miss Klein and her friends, three charming young ladies. It was a great day for all. If those who kindly contribute to the work of the Kindergarten were present, they would rejoice in their giving. The Kindergarten will open again in September.

It is good to dwell in the hope that the kind people who have made the life of the Kindergarten possible in the past will continue their kindness in the future.

The Kindergarten mothers are making arrangements for a block party for the benefit of the Kindergarten, to be given Friday and Saturday, August 18 and 19. Begin work now.

St. George's Dramatic Club, whose performance of the "District School at Blueberry Corners" at the Parish House recently was such a great success, will repeat it at the Chapel, Edgemont and Venango streets (by request), Friday evening, July 7, 8 o'clock. Admission, 15 cents. For the benefit of the Chapel.

The treasurer of the Church is anxious to meet bills promptly; but he is unable to do this if our members and friends are not prompt with their contributions. He therefore kindly requests all those who wish our Church well to make their contributions regularly through the envelope system, and not permit themselves to fall behind. A weekly contribution is not a hardship to the giver while it is a help to the Church. Will you cooperate with the Treasurer to reduce the list of those who are in arrears. Thus you will lighten greatly the task of the Minister.

It has been again suggested that the building of a Rectory for the Minister would be a suitable token of appreciation for the public improvements which were brought about through his untiring efforts. And that this could be easily done through the help of the community which is greatly being benefited by these improvements. Since such a Rectory would itself be an additional public improvement. The Visitor heartily approves the proposition.

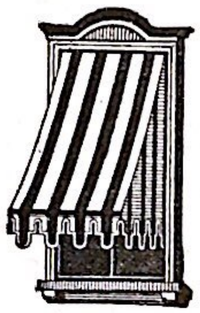
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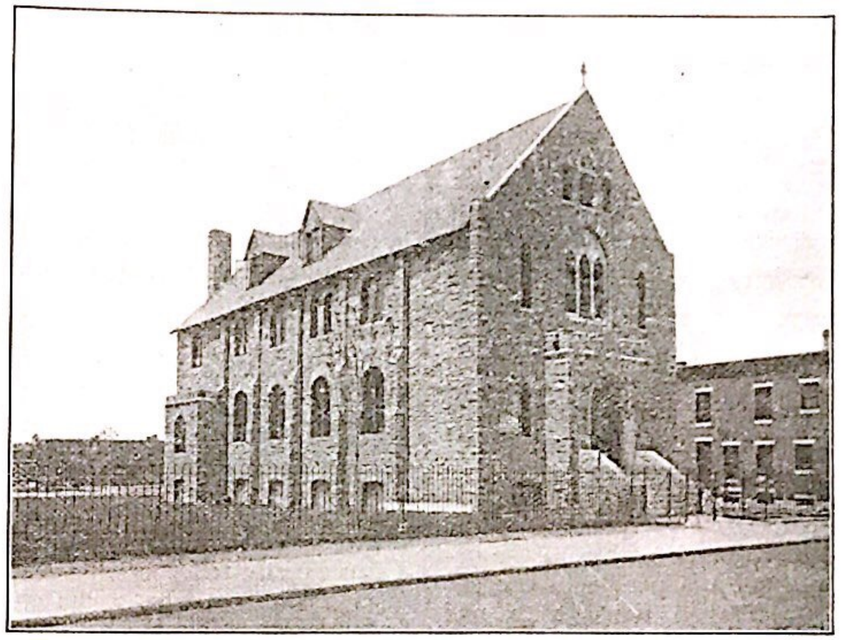
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OUR MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

A trolley car is the most interesting place for variety, variety of personality, variety of taste, of conversation, variety of thought and ambition. And the motion of the car adds so much reality to the occasion, since the people in the car are travelers in more than one sense. Part of their lives is spent in the trolley car. It is not only, therefore, a mere trolley ride, but also a ride in the pilgrimage of life.

There is the mother bent over her babe, bound for the hospital. There is the minister going on errands of mercy and benevolence. There is the man with innocent face, but who would not his friends know whither he is going, and the object of his going. What a spectacle a crowded car must be in the eyes of Him who sees and hears everything! A car full of people is almost a little world in itself.

There sat one day a well-groomed man past forty reading a letter in a woman's up-to-date handwriting of the fashionable sort. By mere chance it caught the eye of the VISITOR, who being two seats back, innocently thought it an opportunity to test his eyesight. He read one sentence, and out of modesty turned away his face with heartfelt sympathy for the unknown writer. For the sentence ran thus: "I do want you to make me feel that I can trust you." It is the woman's cry since the fall of Adam, mused the VISITOR.

But his musings were interrupted by a conversation of two workmen on their way home from the machine shop, who sat just back of him.

"What sort of a thing is a Bible Class? I hear so much talk about St. George's Men's Bible Class. You are a member of it, are you not?" "Yes, I am, Bill," was the answer, "but I do not know that I can exactly tell you what a Bible Class is. From what I can gather I should say it is a place where you learn something of real life—what it is, and how to value it, and how to make the best of it."

"You are not joking, are you?" asked Bill, rather surprised. "What has the Bible to do with real life? It is but a book. Our life is learned by hard experience. If you are not a practical man you do not get along in this world." "That is just it, Bill; that is just the reason why so many men don't get along well in this world, and do not make the best of their lives; because they are not practical enough; they do not study the Book of Life, the Book which reveals to men the truly practical way of living. Bill, you know how I used to talk about the Bible. Perhaps the keenest pleasure for me was to tease old Jones about the foolishness and impracticability of the Bible. Well, it *was* rather foolish, and seemed impracticable the way he handled the Bible; and no wonder so many men are turned away from the Bible because of its misrepresentation by well-meaning men like Jones. It reminds

me of a mower my father had on his farm and which he did not understand, and after he and some of his neighbors got through tinkering with it, it was put away as a useless thing and a fraud; until one day a machinist came along, put things in their proper places, and the mower proved the best in the county. That was before I knew anything about machinery. But I heard father talk about it, and I cannot help think of my father's experience with the mower every time I see, on the one hand, some ignorant man setting himself up to explain the Bible, and others slighting it as impracticable, on the other hand.

"This I find to be true, Bill, that there is an enormous difference between good men who are well versed in the Bible, and good men who are not; just as there is much difference between the men in our shop who know well the make-up of their machines, and those who do not, though they all may run them alike. The difference may not be seen while the machines run well, but in case of trouble you can easily see the difference between the man who knows all the ins and outs of his machine and the man who merely, as it were, turns the crank. Now, in a large sense, we are all mechanics working under the great Foreman we call God. The world is our machine. Or, to make it clearer, the world is the machine shop, and life with its opportunities is our machine which every one of us is to run to get the best results. The Bible is the only guide-book, the text-book, which tells us all about this machine in all its details. Some men, too many of them, go into a shop, take hold of a machine, run it without taking the trouble of understanding it, and you know what happens. The few study the machine carefully and read the text-book on the subject. They are the most practical men, you will admit. More and more men are beginning to realize the need of knowing life—the life which they were placed on earth to live. More and more men are becoming aware of the danger of being misled through ignorance and lose the only chance they have on this earth. This is the reason why men talk so much about the Bible now. At the bottom men love truth rather than falsehood. Our Bible Class teaches the truths of life, how to value it, and how to make the best of it.

"I do not know whether I have made it clear to you or not, but I am positive that you will understand me better if you attend one or more of our Bible Class meetings. We meet on the second floor of St. George's Parish House at 9 o'clock every Sunday morning.

"I shall be there next Sunday morning," said Bill, in accent of determination. And the VISITOR, who heard it with deep satisfaction, muttered to himself: "This makes thirty-two."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On June 11 we had a splendid Confirmation Class of thirty-four people. We are just in receipt of a notice that our new Bishop is to visit our Church for Confirmation on December 10 this year, the service to take place at 10 A. M.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.		
394,	July 2,	Edna Mary Howell
395,	" 17	Edla May Dahlquist
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398,	" 30,	Margaret May Clemens
399,	" 30,	Thelma Beatrice Galbraith
400,	" 30,	Mildred Agnes Campbell

MARRIAGES

No.

63, July 3, { Axel Emmanuel Ericsson / Louisa Hammond

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No.

183, July 10, Israel Blessing
184, " 24 Arthur E. Brodgett

This means more work, more prayer, and more searching of heart. It also means more co-operation and more love of the brethren. There is no reason why we should not have even a larger class in December than we have had in June. We appeal to our friends who wish to be members of our Church to take this appeal seriously to heart, and speak to the pastor about it.

Our Sunday school excursion to Burlington Island Park, July 27, barring the outrageous service of the Delaware River Transportation Company, was a glorious success. The weather was perfect, and the people enjoyed themselves immensely. At this writing full returns have not yet been received, but, putting the number very conservatively, there must have been fully 1,400, though everything indicates that this year's number exceeded the number of any previous excursion. God was indeed with us: there was no accident, and the order was excellent. Our Richmond people are rapidly making a name for themselves for respectability.

This was evident in the free Lemon Hill excursion, when we took out nearly 900 children under 14 years of age in nine trolley cars, July 15th—thanks to the Lemon Hill Association. There, too, our children were highly commended for behavior, appearance and decorum. So pleased is Mr. Parry with our children that he insists that we should have twelve cars instead of nine next year. Much credit is due to the helpers, who are loyal men and women who have gotten a taste of Church work and like it; also to Miss Leaming, our universally respected and loved librarian, who shared with all the strenuous task of caretaking of the children in transit.

During this month the pastor will be away, and the Rev. George G. Miller will take his place in conducting the services. Matters pertaining to the social work of the church may be referred to Miss Esther A. Klein in the Parish House.

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The Annual Block Party, for the benefit of the Church, will be given by St. George's Guild on Indiana avenue, Friday and Saturday, August 11th and 12th. Every society is earnestly asked to co-operate in carrying it out successfully. And our members and friends are urged to help in every way they can. Make it grand both materially and socially, and for the glory of the Church. When you hesitate in soliciting help, remember the words of our Lord, how He said: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." (Mt. 7:7.)

Up to the beginning of this month about seventy children have been placed in the country and at the seashore for a week's, or more, vacation. While there is much work and anxiety attached to it, it gives the deepest pleasure (thanks to the various kind agencies and the generosity of good people), to see the good effect which this summer outing has upon our dear children. This outing saves many a doctor bill, and the experience of being away from home for a season is of no little value to the youngsters.

It is a pleasure to see how our young people have taken hold of our lawn tennis exercise and the benefit they get out of it. It has been truly said by Lord Bacon that tennis is a game "of great use in respect it maketh a quick eye and a body ready to put itself into all postures."

Not far behind our tennis players are the girls of the Captain Ball team. They are members of the Junior Auxiliary, but can handle a big ball as well as any boy.

The roll of honor of the Sunday school for July is as follows: No. 4, Mr. Schwenderman, teacher, is the banner class both in giving and attendance. The general conduct, with one exception, has been very good.

During the month of August, in the absence of the Superintendent, Mr. Herbert Gransback, Assistant Superintendent, will have full charge of the school.

It is our settled policy that we work in the summer for the winter; and while we bear the heat in the summer we are reminded of the need of coal in January. We should be very glad to get contributions towards the coal fund. We have on hand in this fund $23.25. Received from the Men's Club, for light and heat, $10. Total on hand, $33.25.

We are glad to thank the Dramatic Club for the sum of $24.20 which they kindly presented to the Church. A splendid offering this is.

Another splendid offering was made by Mrs. George W. Clemens of $10, the proceeds of a most sociable house party given at her home for the benefit of the Church. Mrs. Clemens is a member of the Mothers' Meeting.

St. George's had a most pleasant visit from our dear friend, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle. He led the Men's Bible Class, 30 in number, at 9 A. M., attended morning service at 10.30; addressed the Sunday school at 2 P. M., and was the speaker at the car barn service at 2.30. Mr. Biddle's name is universally praised in the neighborhood. He is making friends of the people wherever he goes. The Bible Class movement among men is greatly helped by his indefatigable activity. The time is fast coming when many men will covet the honor of wearing the button which bears the image of the rising sun.

Our Sunday school in the Old Chapel has also had two distinguished visitors, Mr. David D. Lupton and Mr. McIlhenny, of St. John's Free Church. They were much impressed by the excellent work of Miss Katherine C. Coulter, principal. It is to be hoped they will come again.

On the 4th and 5th of August the Old Chapel people will give their Grand Annual Lawn Party for the benefit of the Chapel. The notice gives out "Something for every one, plenty of fun." Under the guidance of Mr. Atkins, in charge of the Chapel, and Mr. Barnes, its treasurer, success of the enterprise is assured.

From everywhere are heard good and encouraging reports of the steady progress which St. George's is making in spite of difficulties. Indeed the difficulties are growing less and less. Our people have discovered the secret of success, namely, co-operation.

Every member and friend wishing the welfare of St. George's Church, should apply to the treasurer for sets of weekly envelopes in order to insure a more regular income to the Church. A great burden would be lifted if all were to share it. It would help every one greatly in giving if he or she read the following sentence daily: "I have spent so much on myself, what have I spent for God and His Church?"

Twenty-five cents a week is a little over 3 cents a day; 15 cents a week is 2 cents a day; and 10 cents a week is 1½ cents a day, and 5 cents a week is a fraction of a cent a day. Is it too much to ask you to choose one of these as your contribution towards the Church? Is it too much?

"When we have Socialism," said one workman to another, "we shall have better conditions for all." "Why Socialism?" retorted the other. "You have not tried Christianity yet. It will be time to look for another remedy when we have tried well the old. You remind me of the neurotic who, neglecting the advice and medicine of his good physician, is constantly looking for new doctors and new bottles of medicine. Now, honestly, has Christianity been given a chance by the workmen? I mean *real Christianity*—the Golden Rule, for instance?"

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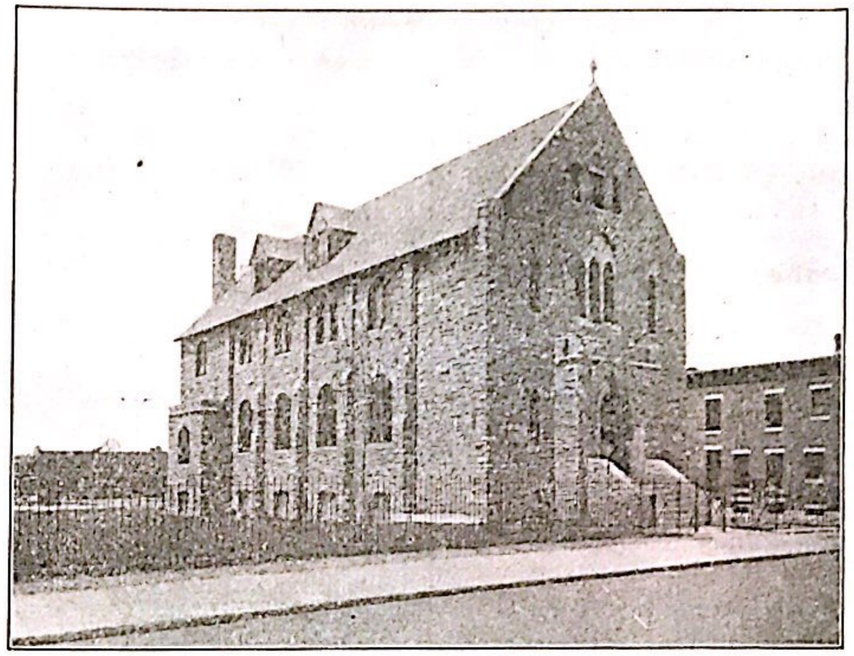
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THE SOUL.

"Is it not very strange, Bill, to be struck suddenly by a thought which sets your heart aflame and transforms the world about you?' Thus began Charlie to his close companion on their way from the shop. Bill loved to hear Charlie talk in his serious moments, he therefore remained silent. After a pause Charlie continued. "The other Sunday I happened to pass the Episcopal church. The doors were open, and I could hear distinctly the text given out by the minister, who was about to begin his sermon: 'What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?' The word *soul* sank deeply into my mind and stirred my heart. Now, I have heard this word hundreds of times, but never before did it pierce me so strangely. It never occurred to me before to find out the meaning of the word and how people ever came to it. People, you know, usually find words for thought and things which actually exist. There may be thoughts and things in existence which have not yet been expressed in words; but there is no such a thing as a word without a meaning. A word is a name for either a thought or a thing just as John and Smith are names of persons. I cannot conceive of the name John without a person behind it. This is true, and this truth came to me suddenly when the word *soul* sank deeper and deeper into my mind.

"And when I began to think on *soul*, other words came crowding one after another, such as God, sin, Satan, Saviour, Holy Ghost, Comforter, forgiveness, love, brotherhood, Bible and many others.

"But observe: never did these words come to me with such a force until the word *soul* took such a strange possession of me.

"So there is a thing called *soul*, I said to myself, on which Christ, the Saviour, puts a higher value than on the whole world!

"Is not this startling?
"How can this thing be?

"I will tell you, Bill. A man begins to be a man from the moment he becomes conscious that he has a soul to keep and to save. Before he recognizes this fact the world to him is but what a piece of cheese is to the rat, or a bale of hay to the horse, and ears of corn to the swine. The whole creation, himself included, is to him only worth as much as that which can satisfy his animal cravings. When they are satisfied the world may perish. Not so with the man who keeps his soul alive. Could any one convince you that a landscape is the same to a master painter or poet as it is to the cow that grazes on it? The world is much greater, and nobler, and fuller of meaning, and richer, and more enjoyable to the man with a soul than to him who cares not for it. Now I *know* why Christ the Saviour puts such a high value on the human soul. It is worth more to us than the whole world, because it is only through the soul that we reach to a full appreciation of the universe.

"My week's vacation in the country has given me more joy since I became aware of my soul than all my previous vacations taken together.

"Listen to a few verses which I came across while on my vacation, and while I was enjoying to the full God's wonderful creation of land and sea and water and rocks, hills and valleys, something we do not see through our shop windows. I must read it slowly. And you, Bill, mark every word of it." And Charlie read the following clipping:

"It cannot be!—
This intimate, self-knowing, sentient soul,
That looks in wonder on the gathered stars
And weighs the worth of swiftly passing thought;
That hath no conscious kinship to the brain
Of man, but sees the endless change of cell
And sea;—this soul, that suffers and is glad,
And feels the impulse most divine, a love
That sacrifices life in toil for love;
That recreates dull matter into forms
Of beauty, magical, and helpful use;
That looks upon another soul and finds
It good, and lifting faith to heaven beholds
The source and end of all that souls decree:
It cannot be—
That this imperious presence here shall fall
In rude decay, and be no more than dust
Blowing across the footprints of wise men,
Forgotten by the heart of him who sits
Behind the veil, the Life of life, the One
Omnipotent, Omniscent and All-good,
Who, else, were not the Father of his child,
A child who asks in tenderness and tears
That hope be not a mockery, and trust
A fable of the years, and happy toil
A vague imagined dream, that death, at last,
Shall mingle with the cosmic vapor vast—
It cannot be!"

Here the conversation of the two friends was interrupted by a noisy and merry group of workmen vieing with one another in their usual witticisms.

THE BUGLE CALL.

Do you hear the summons, the summons to work? It is the VISITOR's call to our workers to rally. August is gone; September is at hand. It is the month in which the officers and heads of our merry bands of workers are looking over their instruments and tools they had laid aside to rest a while. We trust that both leaders and followers of St. George's bands have enjoyed a good vacation, and feel ready to take up anew with fresh vigor the work that is before them.

Much has been accomplished, still more is to be done.

But our successes in the past and our splendid opportunities of the

present reassure us of success in the future.

Forward! let every Society and Guild make ready for the battle, the battle with difficulties. To fight and to overcome difficulties is the glory of life. "He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne." Thus our Saviour shows us the glorious result of battling and overcoming.

But what are we to battle for? We must strive at any cost to remove all the obstacles that are in the way of building up our church for the good and welfare of the community in which we live. Thus doing we shall also help towards the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. We shall have more brotherhood, more kindness, and more joy, if we have more Christ in us.

Is it hard to do this? No, not if every one does his or her duty. And this is what every member and friend will do, by God's help.

"How shall we show our love to thee,
Thou living God most high,
But loving this thy family,
For which Christ deigned to die?"

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The street festival given by St. George's Guild, August 11 and 12, for the benefit of the church, was a greater success than any one given before. The workers were more than amply repaid for their temporary anxiety which the storm on Friday gave them. Mr. Kelly, our sexton, says he did not know there were so many people in Richmond, and this after a year's residence in Richmond. The order was excellent. All praise is due to those who gave themselves to the occasion heartily, and thanks to our neighbors and friends who cheerfully helped to make it successful. Undoubtedly, it was a good work well done. The VISITOR has not yet received the figures, but he has been assured that the net proceeds have exceeded all previous efforts of the kind. Thus we go on and on, ever growing, ever succeeding. Thanks be to God.

CONFIRMATION.

God gives us three months in which to present to Him a class for confirmation. The Bishop will visit St. George's early in December. We appeal to all the well-wishers of the church to join us in prayer and work that a goodly class may be gathered for the glory of God and the strengthening of His cause on earth. Remember always that the larger our membership the greater our power and influence for good. Let us all join hands and hearts to work with God for confirmation.

It is becoming harder and harder to find a parish in which the people are more zealous and active for the Church than our people in St. George's.

Great activity has already begun, as it is shown from the following:

The Mothers' Meeting will give a street carnival on Clearfield street, near Edgemont, September 15 and 16, for the benefit of the church. Everybody should do his or her utmost to make the effort of the mothers a grand success.

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The Men's Club will give a block party on Indiana avenue, near Almond street, Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23, for the benefit of the church. We naturally expect something very good from the men, and we urge all our members and friends to co-operate in making their laudable effort a great success.

A glowing account of a lawn party, given by the people of the Old Chapel in Venango, August 4 and 5, has reached us as we go to press. It was a decided success, writes Mr. Atkins. Among those who helped, under the direction of Mr. Barnes, were Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. Oechsle, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Louise Seemuller, Anna Oechsle and Mrs. Atkins; Frank Frederickson, George and Elmer Sutters, Raymond Jones and Charles Seemuller. Mr. Atkins is very much pleased with the generous spirit of those who gave their time so freely to the enterprise.

An equally pleasing report comes to us from Miss Klein, who, in the absence of Miss Ott, supervised the annual block party given by the kindergarten mothers of the Old Chapel, Venango, August 18 and 19, for the benefit of the kindergarten. They expect to clear something over $60. Those who are engaged in these means of raising money know well the amount of labor and axiety attached to the effort of a block party. We congratulate the people of Venango for such splendid work in behalf of their little ones. May the kindergarten go on and prosper, and may our friends who have made its usefulness possible continue their generous support. It ought to be known that but for the help of the Sunday school of St. Asaph's, Bala, the occasional timely assistance of our Diocesan Committee and the aid of a few generous friends, and the untiring efforts of the teacher, Miss Ott, our dear kindergarten could not live. It is a work of love and can continue to prosper on love only. It is because Christ loved little ones, and because so many men and women love Christ that our kindergarten in the Old Chapel lives, and will continue to live as long as people love Christ.

Miss Ott expects to reopen the kindergarten in September.

"If thou for me such love didst bear,
Shall I not love again?
For all are objects of thy care;
Thy love doth all sustain.

"If we have love for thee in heaven,
'Tis seen by love on earth;
Love only, love which God hath given,
Doth prove our heavenly birth."

"Wondrous honor hast thou given
To our humblest charity;
In thine own mysterious sentence,
'Ye have done it unto me.'"

"Can it be, O gracious Master,
Thou dost deign for alms to sue,
Saying, by thy poor and needy,
'Give, as I have given to you?'"

THE NEW ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Now that we are approaching nearer and nearer the shape of a regularly constituted parish, it is absolutely necessary to have a well-regulated system of contribution towards the support of the church.

Every congregation is required to give a stated sum to the work of missions, for the propagation of the Gospel among those who have never heard it, as well as among those who need it in our own land. St. George's is required to give for purposes outside of the parish $175. This we must raise besides what we need to meet our own expenses. This we can easily do if every one of us will give what he or she can conveniently give. But it must be regularly to make it convenient.

Beginning with October 1, therefore, we shall have adopted the *double envelope system*. In other words, each envelope will have two pockets, one for the regular weekly contribution and the other for missions.

Your contributions towards missions will be whatever you feel able to give. There is many a penny which can be laid aside for missions without missing it.

Nearly all of us need to learn the lesson of giving. Like all other lessons of life, the lesson of giving is hard and laborious in the beginning. But after some perseverance and repeated effort giving becomes easier and easier, and in the end it is found a source of deepest joy. It is not only for the sake of the church that we need practice in giving, but for our own sakes. We get more pleasure out of life in the long run.

If you truly love your children, teach them to give, for by thus doing you will bring up a generation of unselfish sons and daughters, the joy of fathers and mothers. And a community of unselfish people is the best community to live among.

To what better object can we learn to give than to the object of our Lord Jesus who gave Himself for us that we might know how to live?

"Lord of glory, who hast bought us
With thy life blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
Give us faith to trust thee boldly,
Hope to stay our souls on thee;
But, O best of all thy graces,
Give us thine own charity."

Every member and friend of St. George's is urged to take out a set of our weekly contribution envelopes, and bring his or her offering when attending church service, or send it when church attendance is impossible; or keep it for the following Sunday to present in person. The minister would be glad to respond to applications.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

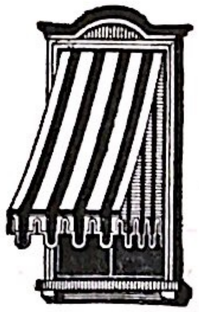
Our Sunday school is doing splendidly. This success is due to the faithfulness of the officers and teachers to whom too much praise cannot be given. We are soon to have a Rally Day. It should take place the Sunday before the grand parade this month. Up to this time St. George's Sunday school made an excellent showing. But we must not rest on our laurels when there is another crown to gain. We trust that when the signal is given, the hosts of St. George's Sunday school will win the admiration of our neighbors by their showing. We cannot spend much money on decorations, but we can show ourselves, which, when well done, is the best ornament of a church after all.

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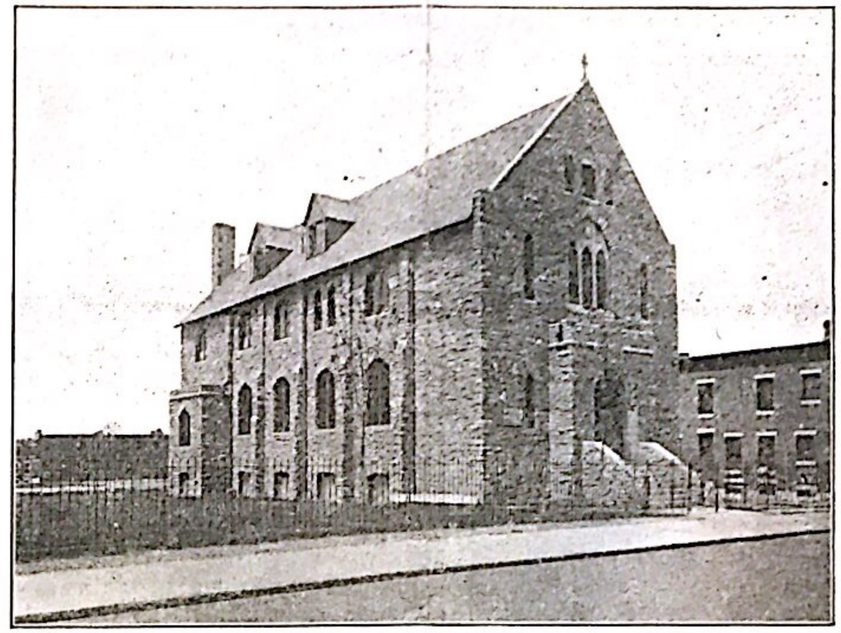
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CONGRATULATIONS.

The members and friends of St. George's are congratulated at the beginning of another year's work. They are congratulated upon the results of their good work in season and out of season. St. George's congregation never rests. It never takes a vacation, no more than does life itself. If any one wishes to see perpetual motion a reality, let him look to the people of St. George's; always moving, always working, always growing; growing physically, growing mentally, growing spiritually. There is no standing still in St. George's. Even when the Pastor goes on his vacation in August there is no stop to Church activity in St. George's. And if this is so in August it is much more so the rest of the year. Need any one wonder at the growth of our Church in spite of almost insurmountable obstacles?

God indeed helps those who help themselves. It is the work and the devotion of our people together with their earnest prayers for the help of God that bring forth the good fruit upon which they are heartily congratulated.

During the month of August the attendance at Church and the collections were larger than those in the same month of any other year.

The Street Festival given by St. George's Guild in August is regarded by all as the best ever given and with best results.

On September 15-16 the Mothers' Meeting gave a Street Festival for the benefit of the Church with splendid results. And the Men's Club, not to be outdone by any one, added another Street Festival the following week with similar results. These are they who help to make money for the Church to pay bills and add improvements. Here we must not forget our good and courteous neighbors who are to be congratulated upon their splendid manifestation of sympathy and helpful co-operation with our workers.

But perhaps the greatest thing upon which St. George's is to be congratulated is the magnificent showing of our Sunday School on the parade Saturday, September 23. The size of the Sunday School in the demonstration was the largest and best banner any Sunday School could display. Our Men's Bible Class did nobly; and our women did no less. And our dear Chapel people were there also.

But still better than all these is the attendance in our Sunday School. It is larger than ever before, both in the new and the Old St. George's. We say therefore with all earnestness, CONGRATULATIONS.

But there are some things we cannot as yet congratulate ourselves upon. And that is a sufficient number of teachers. The need of them at this time is very grievous. We need a teacher for a large class of older boys and several other for smaller children in the main department. We need also a teacher for the Woman's Bible Class.

Another thing that we need is to fill up our empty seats at morning and evening services; yes, more than to fill the empty seats. The spirit of devotion and the desire to worship God in the beauty of holiness must be more general throughout the congregation. We all should be equally faithful. We all alike must realize our need of the Church, and know our obligation to support it. Every member ought to have, and our friends may have, our Church envelopes for regular weekly contributions. We have now on hand envelopes to supply 25 more applicants; and it is to be hoped that they will all be placed soon.

Still another thing we need is a larger number of male voices and a few more faithful young women in our Choir.

Let us all with one accord, with one heart and one mind, join in the effort of supplying these needs that we may continue to grow both in numbers and grace.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Men's Bible Class, the Drexel-Biddle Class, has now a membership of 40 with a goodly attendance every Sunday at 9 A. M. We are yet in our infancy. The hand of genuine fellowship and brotherhood of this Class is extended to every man who cares to grasp it.

With this month we begin the use of the new weekly envelopes. This envelope has two pockets; one for the support of our Church here, and one for Missions elsewhere. We trust that this pocket for Missions will not be neglected. It matters not how small the contribution for Missions, it will be a blessing to the giver. The envelopes should not be torn apart.

THE FAIR.

Contributions are asked for our Annual Fair to be held in our newly improved basement December 7-9. Of course the success of a fair depends upon the liberality of friends who contribute to its stock; but more so on the zeal and devotion and co-operative work of all. Here is a great opportunity for everybody to give help and encouragement to a worthy cause.

CONFIRMATION.

From time to time our dear Church offers the precious opportunity of Confirmation. Our good neighbors, who by frequent visits have learned to know the Church and therefore to love it, are given this opportunity of Confirmation which has been the time honored custom since the days of the Apostles. (See Acts 8:14-17; 19:6; Hebrews 6:2.) This is but another bond of union with St. George's congregation and the Church Universal. Doubtless the Apostles in practicing Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands, as it is called in the Bible, must have followed the wishes of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Thus in forming a

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
401	Aug.	20,	Marion Shepley
402	Sept	2,	Walter James Gallagher
403	"	3,	William Edward Kellam
405	"	10,	Arthur Charles Jones
406	"	10	Ruth Mary Huttenloch

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.			
185	Sept.	7,	Walter James Gallagher
186	"	17,	Margaret Chambers

closer union with the Church by Confirmation we form a closer union with Him. Let us pray for a goodly class on December 10 when our new Bishop will visit our Church.

We are looking with much expectation for something very good from our choir. We have the talent; and by adding to it will and determination, what cannot our choir accomplish?

The few even-songs we had last winter were very good and helpful. But the choir can do even better this coming fall.

Mr. Carey, our organist and choirmaster, will gladly help those who wish to help themselves, and will kindly consider all applicants who are desirous of serving in the choir. There is a vacancy or two for tenors and basses. Boys with good voices should make immediate application for admission into the choir, preferably through their parents.

There are many things to think and write about, but the things which should be uppermost in our mind are the Sacraments of our Lord, Baptism and Holy Communion. When your minister was in the mountains on his vacation he had a service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 A. M. in the parlor of the house, because there was demand for it. And there was always a goodly congregation of the best cultured people of our land. They were church people of the best type. They prized the privilege of the Lord's Table very highly, and some of them walked quite a distance from another summer hotel to partake of the Lord's Supper. The service of Holy Communion is the heart of Christian worship and of divine service.

It would be very helpful if our Guilds and Societies would join in corporate communion from time to time on the third Sunday of the month at 8 A. M.

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Mr. Atkins, in charge of the Old Chapel Venango, is to have a men's rally for the purpose of organizing a Drexel-Biddle Bible Class in the Chapel also some time this month. Mr. Biddle will be one of the speakers. The definite date will be announced later.

On October 7 a Men's Rally for the same purpose will take place at the Church of the Messiah, Huntingdon and Thompson streets, at which our Bible Class will be present in union with other Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes.

When the work which is now going on in our basement is completed, which will be about November 1, the improvement will give us at least one-third more of the present room. The doing away with the posts and the addition of the maple floor will add to the attractiveness of the room. But we want something that will give it a splendor, and this is electric lighting. The improvement costing $1,200 is a gift to us from a friend of St. George's; but the electric lighting we should work for ourselves. To equip the basement and Church room with electric lights will cost about $250. Is there anything better to work for than light! Contributions therefore are in order.

We still maintain our store and the monthly rummage sales. It is a very useful agency for good in every direction. The store depends for goods entirely on the kindness of friends. We can use the things you can afford to spare to very good advantage. Therefore please send us boxes.

"I never realized," said a good woman, "the smallness of our contribution to the Church in comparison with our other expenses for pleasure and comfort until I sat down one day to figure it out. Just think that a 25 cents weekly envelope is but little over 3 cents a day; that a 15-cent weekly contribution is but 2 cents a day; a pledge of 10 cents is but a little over one cent a day, and 5 cents a week is but a fraction of a cent a day. It is only when we think of it that we become ashamed of ourselves that even these small pledges are not always kept. It is this shame that made it so easy for me to give to the Church, because I determined to give regularly; and by giving regularly I could give most with least difficulty. I am no richer than other people; but I found it easier to give to the Church 25 cents a week regularly than to give irregularly at the rate of 5 cents a week. To be frank with you: the trouble is

not with our pockets as much as it is with our minds and hearts. When we think of the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour and the needs of the Church to carry on His work it is not a hardship but a pleasure to lay aside a little day by day and week by week to support respectably the Church to whom we look for consolation in our darkest moments, and on whom rests all that we hold dear in life.

"Many, indeed, think of being happy with God in heaven, but the being happy with God on earth never enters their thoughts.

"What we are is God's gift to us;

"What we make of ourselves is our gift to God."

Our Coal Fund amounts to $33.25. Received from Miss Moffatt $1. Total on hand $34.25. While is was yet summer we called attention to this Fund. Now that winter is nearer, we shall have to pitch our voice a little higher.

Beginning with the first Sunday in this month new record cards will be used for the Sunday School, and strict record of attendance will be kept. The teachers are earnestly urged that every card is filled out properly.

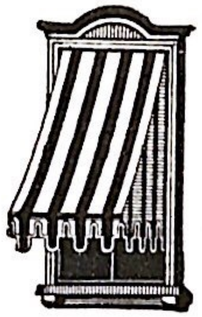
Beginning with this month also the Visitor will report in its columns those classes who distinguish themselves in any way in the work of the Sunday School, giving the number of the class and name of the teacher.

The Dramatic Club will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church on the first Friday evening of the next month, November 3d. We are told that something very entertaining is in store for the people. The Dramatic Club is in flourishing condition, and our young people are quick to grasp an opportunity. They are making a record for themselves in the social work of the Church.

The Men's Club will give their annual banquet on the first Thursday evening, November 2. All members, sweethearts and families are urged to be present.

St. George's Guild will give a Chocolate Social assisted by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society who will furnish the entertainment on Friday evening November 24th.

When you love one another as brothers and treat each other as reciprocally as such, and each one, seeking his own good in the good of all, shall identify his own life with the life of all, his own interests with the interests of all, and shall be always ready to sacrifice himself for all the members of the common family, and they equally ready to sacrifice themselves for him, most of the ills which weigh to-day upon the human race will vanish like the thick mists gathered upon the horizon vanish at the rising of the sun; since it is His will that Love shall unite little by little, and ever more closely, the scattered elements of Humanity and order them in a single body, and Humanity be one, as He is one.—*Joseph Mazzini*.



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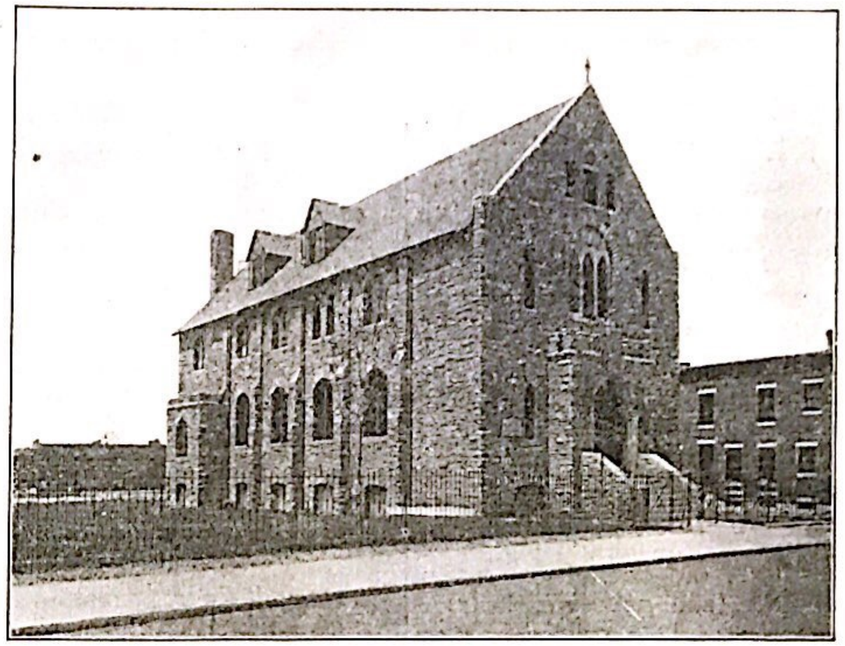
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THE VOICE.

Dear reader, your attention, please, just for a few moments. Do you hear *the voice?* Hark, it is growing louder and clearer and sweeter amidst all the discordant notes around you. You are listening to it now, and the noises of your heart are hushed one after the other, and now you hear it plainly. It is "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, '*Make ye ready the way of the Lord; make His paths straight!*'"

Whereunto shall we liken our Church life as it is regulated by our Church Year? It is like unto a sweet symphony amidst the shouting of discordant voices. Just now we hear the stately and martial notes of the horn rising above all others stirring our heart by its ADVENT message, the coming of the Lord! Soon the whole heavenly orchestra will burst forth in the joy of Christmas: "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased.*"

Ah, dear reader, is not your heart a world by itself, a microcosm, a little world, in which the big universe we live in is summed up? Is not your heart a little world in which your soul dwells? Was it not brought into existence for a noble purpose? Is not the very foundation of your world justice, morality and sweet reasonableness? Is it not Faith, Hope and Love? Does not your soul glory in these things? Is it not longing for the noblest and the best? Yet, as in the big world, so in the little universe there are other forces, passions, desires, which clamor for unbridled, undisciplined, riotous play. Look to your heart. Is there not a court of justice there presided over by Conscience? Are there not also mercenary lawyers trying all their tricks to miscarry justice, arguing plausibly for neglect of duty, for pursuit of pleasure only, for the gratification of self only, for the hardening of the heart, and for contempt of God's Word and His commandments? And yet all the while the Advocate, our Counsellor, the Holy Ghost the Comforter, stands pleading our cause. In all this confusion of voices He alone is calm and kind, and with charming dignity and overflowing love is guiding and supporting the distracted soul.

Who is he who will reject the help of this Comforter? Are we not all in need of Him? Here is an opportunity for coming into closer relationship with Him. It is the opportunity which the Church offers kindly by its Rite of Confirmation. It is a Rite which the Apostles administered to all baptized persons, and made it the usage of the Church from the very beginning. The Apostles regarded the Laying on of Hands as a means of bringing baptized persons into closer relationship with the Holy Ghost. We have no right to dispute their word or change their methods. Moreover, we know that Confirmation is a help to the soul to maintain its freedom from the bondage of sin; and that it is a real help, and not an imaginary one. But it is a help which only comes to him who seeks it. Will you not, dear reader, join our Confirmation Class, and receive freely the blessing which you need and which the Church freely gives? And thus will you heed truly the Advent message, which calls upon us to *make ready the way of the Lord.*

On the Second Sunday morning in Advent, at 10.30 o'clock, the Bishop will visit this Church for Confirmation.

Oh, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, our Congregation with Thy love and favor. May we continue to grow in numbers and in grace. May many join us in the work of Thy Church. Inspire and warm the hearts of the people. Take away from us all pride and prejudice. Save us from all hypocrisy and pretension, from indecision and procrastination, and in the laying on of hands after the manner of the Apostles may we receive such an abundance of Thy grace as may appear in an humble, holy and obedient walking before Thee all our days. Graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, oh, blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Saturday evening, November 25, the members of St. George's congregation and their friends tendered their minister a reception in commemoration of his tenth anniversary. There was present a goodly company of men, women and children. The meeting was opened with Hymn 672 and prayers by the minister, after which the chairman of the committee read the following letter addressed to the Rev. Mr. Arkin, who replied in appreciation of it, after which refreshments were served by the ladies:

"DEAR MR. ARKIN: On behalf of the people of St. George's Church, the undersigned committee have the honor to present to you, upon this tenth anniversary of your first coming among us, cash and pledges amounting to $311, as a nucleus of a rectory fund. During the summer, in your absence, this movement was inaugurated. And it was the general opinion of our members and friends that this was a fit occasion to express our love and high regard for you, which you so well deserve, in this tangible form. Knowing you as we do, it was evident to us that a personal gift would not be acceptable; but that whatever made for the growth and the edifying of St. George's would most please and delight you. And thus this movement for a rectory was thought proper, because it serves to emphasize not only our deep affection for you, but is also a witness to our loyalty and devotion to this Church. We feel, also, that the building, when realized, will add not a little to the attractiveness of the neighborhood, and to the dignity and influence of the Church in this section of our beloved city.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

No.			
414.	Nov.	5.	Jennie Elizabeth Murphy
415.	"	12.	Arthur William Thiel
416.	"	12.	Margaret Elizabeth Keller
417.	"	12.	Samuel Berman Zinn
418.	"	19.	Harold Charles Bond
419.	"	19.	Katherine Louise Lafferty
420.	"	19.	Walter Lodge Leigh
421.	"	19.	Walter Henry Williamson
422.	"	26.	George Washington Nuttall
423.	"	26.	George Nuttall

MARRIAGES

No.		
66.	Nov. 2.	Harry Bieber Anna Jones
67.	Nov. 22.	Harry Wagner Katie Kenney

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.		
190.	Nov. 10.	Clifford Long
191.	" 17.	Thomas Jones

"For ten years you have gone in and out among us, sharing with us both our joys and sorrows. Many have been helped to bet er and nobler living through your preaching and example. We began with a very few, with practically no prospect, but under your guidance, almost insurmountable difficulties have been overcome, and we have grown to be two goodly companies—the old and the new St. George's—with good prospects for both. Were your ministry at St. George's to terminate today, we would have ample evidence before us of your faithfulness and devotion to Christ's Church. These buildings, the Parish House, the neighboring public library, the public park, the school garden and many other minor public improvements are in every sense of the word monuments to the virility, force and breadth of your ministry. With these evidences continually before us, it is but natural that the people whom you have served should desire to have upon this spot into which you have woven so closely the first ten years of your ministerial life some outward indication of our appreciation. It is, therefore, our earnest prayer that this rectory, when built, shall stand as outward evidence of our inward affection toward you.

"We speak for all, when we say that we pledge you hearty support during the next ten years, God willing. We believe that St. George's Church is now entering upon an epoch, the consummation of which will bring the fruition of many of our fondest hopes, and that by the grace of God, ten years hence we shall meet together again to commemorate another era of progress in the life of this Church, and cement another link in the chain of your ministry which binds us together in Him Who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith,

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This home, when built, will afford a convenient summer outing to the members of the Federated Bible Classes and families four or more months in the year. It will be a first-class place for members, young and old, to enjoy a profitable outing, with or without family, for a day, week or more, at rates within the reach of every member. Means of entertainment will be provided for all. This is at present the finest feature of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class movement on its social side. Backed, as it is, by Mr. Biddle himself, with such magnificent enthusiasm, its success is inevitable.

Our Quarterly Guild meeting will take place the first Tuesday evening of this month, December 5. It is essential to the success of this Guild that all societies be present with their reports of their respective work for the past three months. The congregation and their friends are cordially invited to hear these reports and to meet one another socially.

THE FAIR.

Our Annual Fair is arranged for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 7 to 9 inclusive. Help and patronage will be greatly appreciated. Let every one do a little. There is no such a thing as fail in St. George's, and we are looking forward to a most enthusiastic and harmonious fair.

CONFIRMATION.

The Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D. D., will visit this Church on Sunday, December 10, at 10.30 A. M. The prayers of the Congregation are asked that God may bless this Church with a goodly increase in membership.

Hearty thanks are due to those who have served as house-to-house visitors on November 25. Some of our people did not get home till 9 in the evening. But a glorious work was done in stirring up the neighborhood for the Sunday School. Will the loser of the glove call for it?

It is difficult to say which was the banner class in Sunday School last month, inasmuch as the classes are not equal in number. They range from six to twenty-three scholars. But we can truthfully say that, as a Sunday School, it has made remarkable progress, both in attendance and collections, as well as in discipline. Not a little credit is due to Mr. Herbert Gransback, superintendent, who has been regularly faithful to his duty, and also to Mr. Wolf, our precentor. Too much praise cannot be given to our faithful teachers and to some of our Men's Bible Class, who have volunteered to fill vacancies as teachers. Onward, and onward still, is our motto.

Our Christmas Cantata will take place Friday, December 29. It is to be the best ever given in St. George's, judging from the rehearsals, under the direction of Mr. Wolf.

Our young men have just organized an Amateur Athletic Association, called St. George's A. A. A. Chester Russel, president; George Gransback, secretary; William McKinley, treasurer. The association started with fifteen members, with a good prospect for growth. It meets every Thursday, at 7.30 P. M,

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There is in the Coal Fund at present $48.25.

On Sunday evening, November 19, at a goodly attendance of men, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle,in company of some delegates from various Bible Classes, organized a Men's Bible Class in the Old St. George's, Venango. Mr. Benjamin Pogson was chosen president; Charles Seemueller, secretary, and Charles G. Barnes, treasurer. The class numbers twenty. The prospects are very good. The men expect to fit up the basement for their work.

The Kindergarten celebrated their Thanksgiving Day festival the morning of November 29. There are now fifty-four children on the list, and the daily attendance averages forty. A splendid work Miss Otis is doing.

Through the indefatigable efforts and self-denying work of Miss Katherine C. Coulter the Sunday School in St. George's, Venango, has steadily grown, and has now reached a high-water mark of 175 members. Fifteen was the beginning. The average of attendance is very high. There is no Sunday School surpassing Miss Coulter's school in training and discipline.

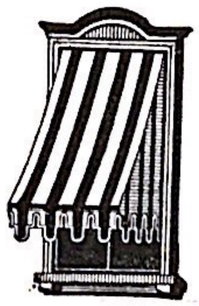
For the last few weeks Miss Coulter has drilled her children tor a beautiful Christmas Cantata, which will be given on Tuesday evening, December 26, in the Old Chapel, Venango.

Our excellent Dramatic Club of St. George's (Richmond) have turned over to the treasurer $19 from their recent entertainment, which was splendidly rendered by the young ladies and gentlemen of the club. Thanks and congratulations.

We are glad to announce that our new envelope system has made quite an improvement in contributions towards the support of the Church and of Missions. We have however still on hand about 20 sets of envelopes. We are waiting for applicants.

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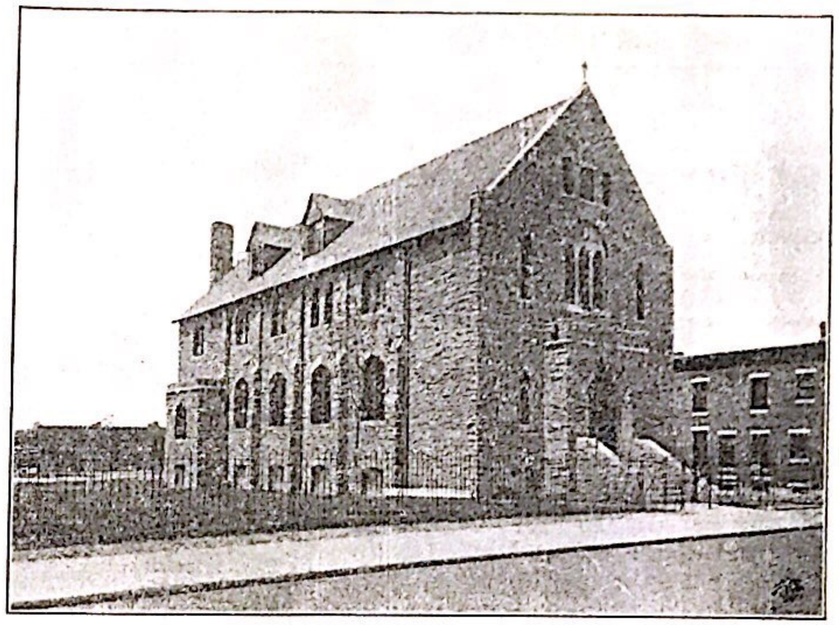
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There is much significance in the senseless noise we hear at midnight at the dying of the old year. In the confusion of steam whistles, rattling of drums and fire crackers, and in the rasping noises of the tin horns we may hear the cry of unrealized hopes, the wail of disappointments, and the disheartening laughter of the mocker—that evil spirit which seeks to discourage us by mocking our unsuccessful efforts. But these voices so persistent in loudness suddenly begin to grow faint and finally are silenced altogether. They have fled like the shades of night before the dawn; and all complaints of past failures are hushed before the blazing New Year, 1912, the year of our Lord, Anno Domini, which spells everywhere, *opportunity*.

This is truly grace, the free gift of God; another chance to mend our ways; perhaps the only chance, but still another chance coming from a loving Father. Let bygone be bygone. Let the dead bury the dead. Here is a whole year before us brimful of promise not only of new occasions and new duties, but also of opportunities to transform the dead past into a living future. Is not experience the best teacher when well heeded? Is it not the love of God which gives us new years, each one of which is another *opportunity*.

What more than this can a father offer his children; and what more can self-respecting children expect from a loving father? We wish to be neither paupers nor puppets. We want no charity. We want another chance to work. If our life has not come up to our expectation we plead for another trial. We want to earn our character; and the Father gives us just what we need, and what is best for us, a New Year, another *opportunity!*

If through the frailty of human nature we have left things undone which we should have done, or we have done the things which we ought not to have done, we can, if we will, make amends in the year before us, by the grace of God.

The Lord's Prayer is our assurance that God will answer it: "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses." This is practically what the New Year offers us. In the New Year we have the answer to this prayer, if our prayer is earnest. It is "A death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness." We can make it so, if we will. The new year is our *opportunity*.

If you have used up all your time in the past year on self, so that you have had no time left for the benefit of others; if you feel at the end of the year the emptiness of it all; if you find yourself impoverished in soul with no profit to the body; if your heart speaks to you of better and higher things; if you wish you had sought these things in the past; if your soul is athirst and hungry for them, why, behold the New Year, it is at your threshold, standing at the open door like a real Santa Claus laden with gifts; and you have the first choice. Take care to choose well. Be guided by your own mistakes and the errors of others. Choose as if it were your only chance; for there may not be another *opportunity*.

If you have wandered away from the Lord's Table; and your faith is grown cold and your heart also in consequence; if you have forgotten to pray, and hope is fading; or if excessive gratification of self has starved your sympathies for others, and love is dying; behold, the New Year opens to you the Church doors. Come, and take freely the life-giving fire from the Altar, and rekindle the dying embers in your heart, that faith, hope and love—the life-giving virtues of our profession—may burn brightly as lamps in the temple of God. The New Year is your *opportunity!* May it be, indeed, a happy New Year to you.

The year just past has been the most fruitful year to St. George's. It has been a year throughout which St. George's has felt the joy of growing. And this growth has been in every direction, in breadth and length and height and depth it has come to pass that we have not room enough for a joint meeting of our departments of the Sunday School, so that on festival occasions we must hold the services of the Primary Department and of the Main Department separately, in their own respective rooms, on different floors.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The following were confirmed on December 10, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of this Diocese, at the morning service:

Julia R. Kringe, Wachel W. Linthicumb, Frederick Becker, Philip A. Becker, Maurice Jacobs, John J. Sedergram, Elsie Gallagher, Edgar O. Ellis, George Honeyford, Francis A. Dougherty, Mercedes Holland, James S. Dames, Ethel May Dames, John F. Didrickson, George W. Woodworth, Mary Dougherty, Katharine Snyder, John McKinley, Chester A. Russell, Bertha C. Mull, John H. Wenzel, Mary E. Wenzel, David W. Eakins, George I. Hagey.

St. George's rejoices in the fellowship of these ladies and gentlemen. They form a small congregation of their own of men and women and some young people, and are a great addition to the Church. Six months ago our Confirmation Class numbered 34, making the total number of new members for the year just past 56. God has answered our prayers. Praised be His name.

It is very difficult to say which of the three Christmas festivals

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No.
424, Dec. 3, Ethel May Dames
425, " 3, Walter Augustus W. Pogue
426, " 3, Wm. Bunting Brown
427, " 6, John Frederick Didrickson
428, " 10, Maurice Jacobs
429, " 10, Isaiah Albert Jones
430, " 10, Arthur Licht
431, " 10, Erle Norman Engle
432, " 10, Charles Walter Engle
433, " 10, Sarah Elizabeth Leigh
434, " 10, Herman Leigh
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437, " 15, John Elwood Schroth
438, " 15, William Henry Schroth
439, " 15, George Thomas Schroth
440, " 17, Norman Clayton Merriam
441, " 17, William Charles Luthe

MARRIAGES

No.
68, Nov. 30, { Oliver Braden Shore / Emma Louisa Black
69, Dec. 11, { William Albert Oechsle / Sarah Fryer

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
192, Dec. 30, Joseph Stewart
193, Jan. 1, Joseph Stevenson Slater

held in St. George's excelled most. When the VISITOR attended the Kindergarten festival held on December 22 in the afternoon at the Chapel (Venango), where forty-eight out of the fifty-six pupils were present, he thought it was the most charming sight he had ever seen. There were many mothers also present. At the end of the fascinating program Miss Ott, the teacher, was presented with a Christmas present from the mothers, as a token of their appreciation and love for her.

On the evening of the 26th the children of the Chapel, which now number about 200, gave their Christmas cantata, under the training of Miss Katharine C. Coulter, their Sunday School teacher assisted by her sister. There was a full house, and everybody was delighted exceedingly with the way the children rendered their parts. Mr. Harry Arndt, who has served as Santa Claus in St. George's cantatas for many years, was naturally the center of attraction. Mr. Row and Gardner Hall added greatly to the music with their violins. It was a most delightful evening.

Next in order was the Christmas cantata given at St. George's (Richmond), in the basement of the Parish House, on the evening of December 29, by the Sunday School children under the excellent training of our precentor, Mr. Maurice S. Wolf. The room, though recently enlarged, was literally packed with a crowd in the vestibule standing on their tiptoes. It was the best rendered cantata we have had, and we have had very good ones. Here again our Santa

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Claus, Mr. Arndt, distinguished himself, and was only surpassed by his 4-year-old little boy, Master Elwood. Our children do excellent work under an excellent instructor.

The Minister wishes publicly to thank the dear children and teachers of the Sunday School for the most beautiful silver pencil which they gave him as a Christmas gift. He values it most highly. The Men's Bible Class also captured his heart by their present to him of a most beautiful pair of gold cuff buttons; for he knows the spirit in which it is given. His heart also goes out to those who have sent him beautiful cards of greeting, and he prays that the wishes printed on their faces may be realized in the lives of the senders.

The Treasurer wishes to call the attention of our weekly contributors that in the quarter, ending December 31, there are fourteen weeks instead of the usual thirteen, and that this event will not occur again till the year of 2002.

The Treasurer also wishes to receive applications for weekly envelopes from those who have not yet applied for them. He has nineteen sets of envelopes which he trusts he may dispose of shortly. He urges all those who wish the welfare of St. George's to take out these envelopes for the purpose of regular contribution.

Everything else being equal our readers are asked to show the same courtesy to our advertisers as these show to the VISITOR.

A men's Meeting will take place under the auspices of our Men's Club Thursday evening, January 18. Mr. Edward James Catell is to address the meeting. He is a speaker of fame, and will be accompanied by Mr. George D. Porter, Director of Public Saftey, and others. The men of our neighborhood should make every effort to come and hear these gentlemen.

The Dramatic Club is to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church Tuesday evening, January 30. Money is needed to meet increasing expenses.

Our Amateur Athletic Association has now twenty-two members. They meet every Thursday evening. They will play basket-ball with Christ Church team on January 4, and Holy Trinity on January 11.

The Boys' Hardworking Club has elected the following officers: William Schwenderman, president; Halftan Pedersen, vice-president; Harold Pedersen, secretary; George Woodworth, treasurer.

The Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30. All well-behaved boys willing to work are eligible for membership.

Our Drexel-Biddle Men's Bible Class numbers now fifty-three. There are good prospects for further growth. It is a company of splendid men, earnest in purpose and eager to learn; men of principle and loyal to truth.

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Our Sunday School is in a very prosperous condition; and the prospects are still very bright. Several classes have distinguished themselves during the month of December, either in good behavior, attendance, or collection; but the banner class for the last four weeks is No. 7; next comes No. 5, No. 3, No 13 and No. 9. We are looking forward to a Sunday School of which St. George's may be justly proud.

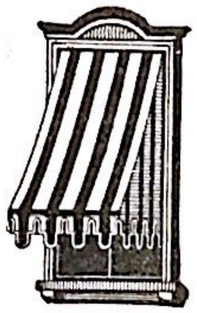
On January 6 the Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany, or the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. The Epistle and Gospel for that day is found on page 69 of the Prayer Book, following the prayer for that day. The word Epiphany means "showing forth" or "shining forth." And it refers to our Lord's revealing of Himself at His Birth, or Nativity; at His Baptism in the river of Jordan; and at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee by the first miracle which He wrought there. Our readers are urged to turn to page 69 of the Prayer Book for further information. The proper Pslams for this feast may be found in the Table of Proper Psalms on page 328 of the Prayer Book.

Those who know the Prayer Book love it with all their heart and mind and soul. If you wish to know it, use it. Turn its pages at your leisure hours at home. Keep it before you next to the Bible. Read everything in it, and you will become so familiar with it that you will be able to teach others its uses. Learn while you have the chance.

Your attention is called to the first page of the VISITOR giving the hours of services; especially to the hours of Holy Communion. Christian people must never forget our Lord's injunction at the Last Supper, "This do in remembrance of me." The Lord's Table to the Christian Church is what the center of gravity is to the earth. It is the flame which both lights and warms our hearts and cheers our souls. Remember Holy Communion, the Lord's Table, at which our souls are fed.

The sum asked from St. George's this year by the Board of Missions is $150 This is called our apportionment for Missions. A large number of our weekly contributors have used liberally the red printed envelope for this purpose. We appeal to those who have not done so to put something also into the red printed envelope for Missions. It matters not how little. Begin with one cent a week if you cannot do more; and add as the God prospers you. The boxes in which your envelopes are kept are renewed in October. Keep them through the year.

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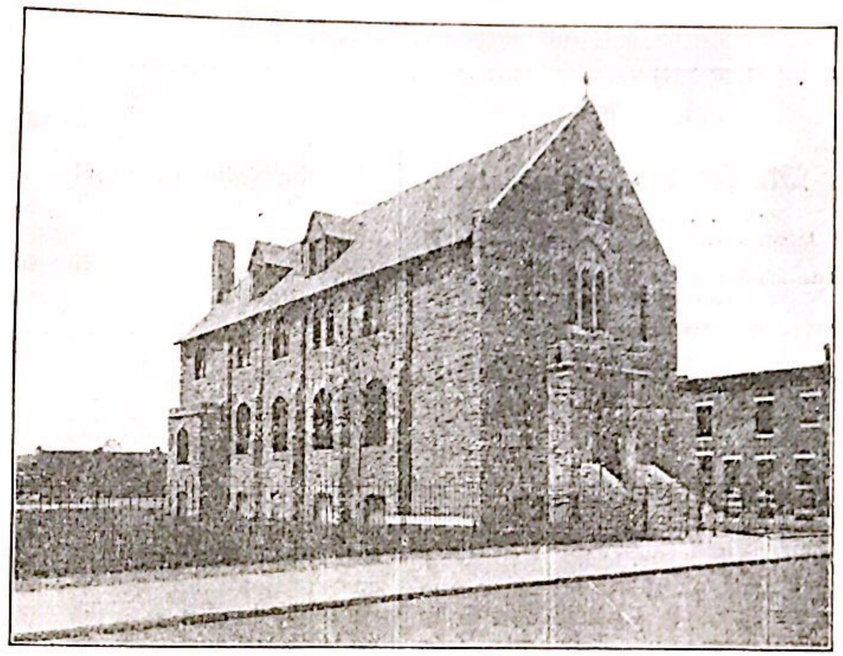
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TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

Charlie and John are two self-respecting working men. They are not yet past middle age; but they have reached the stage of life's journey when men, not depraved, begin to think more seriously and more honestly. Charlie and John work in the same shop and at the same trade. Their wages have enabled them not only to keep the wolf from the door, but through the good housekeeping and wise economy of their intelligent, clean, and faithful wives they have been able to add, from time to time, to domestic comfort until their homes have become very pleasant places to live in, and the delight of the visitor. A home like one of these, with father, mother and two children, and with peace in the family, is sweet home indeed; and there is nothing like it.

Charlie and John would not pass in the world for pious men. They have never made themselves obnoxious by flaunting their religion in the face of their fellows, but they come from good Christian homes. Their mothers especially would be regarded by all the neighbors as good Christian women, with intense love for their homes, their children and their Church. Their fathers, though not so demonstrative in Church loyalty, would be generally considered men of sterling quality, who recognize the value of Sunday School and Church for their children; and, though themselves quite frequently absent from Church services would, in case of a fight, give their lives for the Church.

Now, it would be very strange if, coming from such homes, Charlie and John did not inherit some, at least, of the best qualities of their parents; or, having been brought up by such fathers and mothers, it would be indeed strange if Charlie and John were not largely influenced, not only by their home training, but also by the instructions they had received in Sunday School and Church, to which their parents many a time *made* them go as long as parental control lasted.

Now Charlie and John are themselves fathers, heads of families. Fortunately for them both, that throughout all that period of boyhood which is fraught with mischief and danger to character, whether in the "gang" on the street corner, in the pool room, or perhaps a saloon, or a moving-picture show, or a cheap vaudeville, Charlie and John, unlike some of their companions, retained the good qualities which they had inherited, and the impressions of their early religious training; although these good traits seemed at times obscured through the influence of depraved fellows. The crowd does not tolerate exceptions; and a bad crowd will appoint itself a committee of the devil, and work hard to the end that none of the crowd remain good. Just as rotten apples work on good apples. The best way for a young man to keep out

of danger, or save himself, is to leave the crowd; this is not always easy to do. Not everybody can bear the jeers of the mocking crowd. Only Christ could do this, and men who are trying to imitate Him. But most men imagine it either inexpedient or impossible. So, Charlie and John resorted to their own tricks. They tolerated profanity in their comrades, though it was repulsive to them. They tacitly smiled at the smutty jokes, though they heartily despised the jokers, and always managed to stir clear from anything that might stain seriously body and soul. No wonder that Charlie and John, though when they came to the shop were strangers, were attracted to each other by common experience and common taste.

Now, when the twelve o'clock whistle blows they can be seen usually together over their lunches holding, now and then, quite a serious conversation; pleasantly indifferent to a gibe flung at them now and then by those who find pleasure in shocking, by their godlessness, the decency of their betters; or in showing themselves worse than they really are.

It was at one of these half-hour lunches that Charlie confided to John something which he had discovered the Sunday before in reading the Bible. He was reading the sixth chapter of St. John, where it is recorded that at some sayings of our Lord many of His disciples left Him, and "walked no more with Him." "Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, 'Would ye also go away?' Simon Peter answered Him: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.'"

"I tell you, John," said Charlie, "St. Peter knew what he was talking about. Yes, to whom shall *we* go for enlightenment. Who can best settle our social problems? In what book, in what philosopher, in what labor leader or political agitator can we find the remedy that will surely go a long ways to rid us from so many social woes? The Golden Rule has never been tried. I believe, with Bishop Rhinelander, that what we all need is greater confidence which comes from a firm faith in Christ as our Lord, and the joy which comes from helping in enthroning Christ in the heart of all men." John agreed with Charlie, and as he was about to comment the whistle blew again, and they were lost in the crowd hastening to their work.

LENT.

Lent is a season of forty days before Easter, in which self-denial is especially emphasized in our daily life in commemoration of our Lord's fast of forty days and forty nights in the wilderness.

It is also a special season for self-examination and prayer and effort to make our self-denial count for God and neighbor. The people are therefore called upon to abstain from anything out of harmony with the spirit of Lent, but use whatever time and means they can spare in the worship of God and service to neighbor.

Let your example in faithful attendance at Church services and cheerful giving toward the work of

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
442, Jan. 15, Robert Jacob Nofer
443, " 15, Emma Elizabeth Nofer
444, " 15, Wilhelmina Nofer
445, " 15, Frances Nofer
446, " 15, George Washington Nofer
447, " 15, Helen Theresa M. Burns
448, " 23, Margaret Tong
449, " 23, Elizabeth Kestler
450, " 30, Abical Carolyn Annesley

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No.
70, Jan. 17, { Philip A. Becker / Jean R. Ziegler }
71, Jan. 17, { William H Saybolt / Lena Schanz }

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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
194, Jan. 10, John Wambach
195, " 25, John Scheibel
196, Feb. 1, Martha A. Ogelsby

the Church teach others and help others to keep Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the first day in Lent. The Church service on that day will be at 8 P. M. It is an hour when all who will may come. Let us all join in the solemn and helpful service of that day.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Lenten boxes will be distributed among our Sunday School scholars, in which they will deposit daily, if possible, their mites to be presented as their offering toward Missions on Easter Day. Parents are requested to help their children in the care of these boxes and the fulfillment of their object.

In like manner Easter envelopes will be given out to our members and friends for their special contributions during Lent as their Easter offering. Use them in the best way you are able.

At the Wednesday evening service, January 24th, the following were admitted to membership of the Girls' Friendly Society: Misses Elsie Gallagher, Florence Rantawl, Anna Abrahamson, Bertha Mull, Violet Jones and Sarah Hewston. This is a splendid company of young women, who will doubtless strengthen our G. F. S. Branch in power and influence.

Owing to the death, on January 29th, of the saintly mother of Mr. William R. Oglesby, a member of our Dramatic Club, the entertainment to have been given on the following evening has been postponed to April 16th. The tickets will be honored on that date.

We all join in heartfelt sympathy with Mr. Oglesby and his sister in their affliction. We all love them for their exceptional Christian characters, and pray that God may sustain them in their sorrow and grief.

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Our Amateur Athletic Association will give their entertainment for the benefit of the Church on Friday evening, February 16th, at 8 o'clock. It promises great success.

This Association has now twenty-six members. Their basket ball team has arranged the following schedule for contests: With Christ's Church, February 1st; Richmond M. E., February 8th; Richmond Baptist, February 15th; Simpson M. E., February 11th; St. Luke's February 18th, and Teutonic Cadets, February 29th. Their second team is looking for engagements.

The visit of Mr. Edward James Cattell to our Men's Club, January 18th, and his most helpful address have been highly appreciated by the goodly audience. Mr. Benjamin Yarnall will address the Club on Thursday evening, February 8th. The other speakers expected later are George D. Porter, Esq., and the Hon. Hampton L. Carson. The dates of their coming will be announced later.

Mr. Paul S. Atkins, treasurer of St. George's Rectory Fund, mentioned in a previous issue, wishes hereby to acknowledge receipts as follows: From St. George's Guild $50; Girls' Friendly Society, $5; Mrs. M. J. Raker, $5; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dames, $2; Mrs. G. W. Nuttall, $4; Rev. J. Thompson Cole, $5; Miss Esther Klein, $5; Mrs. Charles Brown, $5; Mrs. Luke Phillips, $2.50; Mrs. Irons, 10 cents; Mrs. Driver, 50 cents; Mrs. Stephen Wood, $1; Franklin S. Edmonds, $5; Miss Martha O. Moffet, $1; Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Linthicum, $5, and Rev. John Totty, $5; total, $101.10. Mr. Atkins would appreciate the calling of his attention to any omission.

While rejoicing in our own growth, we also rejoice in the prosperity of our next-door neighbor, the Richmond Branch of the Free Library. Our Richmond people are not only fortunate in getting the library, but in getting also a librarian who not only loves the work, but knows how to do it. During the year just past there has been an increase in circulation of more than 10,000 books, the total being 66,145 for 1911. The circulation of children's books for 1911 numbered 30,784, against 27,023 for the preceding year; 104,577 persons visited the library last year, about 16,000 more than the year before. Our people should know the names of the good and faithful workers in their library: Misses Nellie E. Leaming, chief; Julia Thompson, first assistant and in charge of the Children's Department; Gertrude Work, Christina Macdonald, Mary Ternen, Mary Tinley, and, occasionally, Ella Widmer, who is an able substitute. Miss Leaming has organized also a Library League Lyceum of boys, two Library Leagues of boys' and girls' divisions, and the Knights of the Round Table, all numbering a membership of about 100 young people The "story hour" is attended by nearly 500 children in one day, which is considered to be the largest in the city. These figures speak for themselves and for the people in charge of the library for the getting of which St. George's Mission worked about three years.

The Junior Auxiliary No. 1 has now a membership of twenty-two very lovely girls, ranging between 13 and 15 years of age; a most interesting company in which there is no chance of getting the blues. They are drilling for an entertainment for the benefit of the Church and at the same time they are working for their specific object, which is Missions. Such girls, united together in the bond of peace and kindliness, are a bright jewel in the crown of St. George's.

It may please the parents of our Sunday School children to know that there is a marked improvement in conduct and increase in numbers. At the last meeting of

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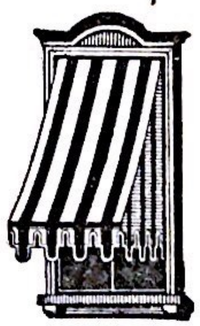
our Sunday School Teachers' Institute, January 28th, after the close of the Sunday School, the Secretary's comparative report showed an increase almost of one-third over the membership of the year before. The efficiency of our excellent staff of teachers has increased seven-fold in all departments. There is a marked improvement in regularity of attendance and faithfulness on the part of officers and children. This is the secret of growth. The following classes have distinguished themselves for good conduct in order: Nos. 1, 10, 6, 4, 9, 2, 12 and 14; for attendance, Nos. 6, 10, 2, 9 and 14; for collection, Nos. 5 and 14. Most important of all is good conduct and faithful attendance. Our parents owe much to the teachers of their children to see that the work of the teacher is made as satisfactory as possible.

Thank God that He hath heard the prayers of His people for the recovery of Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle from his sickness. As we go to press the good news is that he is rapidly recovering. Hundreds of men will be glad to greet him at their Bible Classes.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the *Outlook*, recently said: "It is to the Bible that I go for fundamental principles which I wish to understand and apply to the various problems of life—social, political, ethical, individual, and spiritual; and to the Bible I look in the main for fundamental principles, whether my work is in the pulpit, on the platform, or in the editorial sanctum."

If you have not a set of weekly envelopes, will you not ask for them from the Minister? It is important for the growth of the Church that all who are in sympathy with the work it is doing should contribute to its support; and the envelopes make it easy to do this. Your contribution need not be much, but it is well that it is regular.

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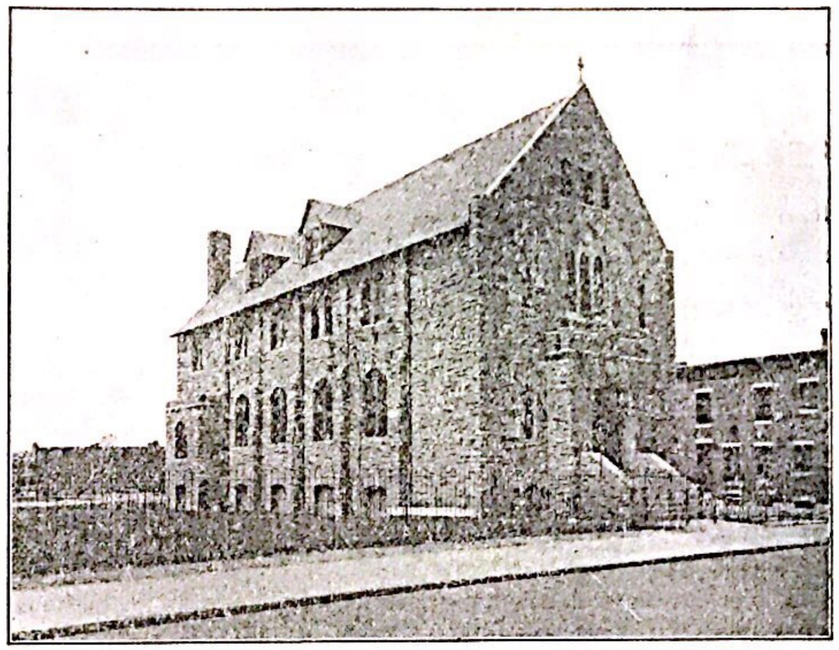
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WHAT IS LENT?

We all know the meaning of Lent as it is given in the time-honored terms—a season for self-denial, discipline, meditation, prayer, giving, public devotion, etc. Christian people, of course, are expected to practice all these throughout the year; they cannot do otherwise if they are Christians; but on Lent we are to do these things in a larger degree and more abundantly.

But here is a new definition, which was given by Charlie to John on Ash Wednesday morning on their way to the shop:

"Lent is a season of examination. The Christian virtues we have been taught and have practiced throughout the year we are to manifest in a special degree during Lent. We are to show how much love of God and neighbor we have in our hearts, and to what extent our nature has grown Christlike under the life-giving power of the Cross, just as college students are expected to show in their examinations in a special degree the knowledge which they have been gathering and exercising throughout the year. The good and faithful student will naturally make a more striking manifestation of his knowledge of his subject than the student who has neglected his studies during the year. The manifestation of his knowledge on examination day, as a rule, will be as meager as have been his exercises in study all the rest of the year. Lent, therefore, is a season of test and examination in Christian life. The good Christian welcomes Lent as an opportunity, just as the good student welcomes an examination as his opportunity for advancement, while the poor Christian chafes under Lent, and would rather avoid it, just as the poor student does his best to avoid examination, which is distasteful to him."

At this point the two left the car, and the visitor who happened to sit back of them was much impressed with Charlie's originality and common sense. He thought, however, that while it was not safe to judge men by their external conduct in Lent as an indication of their love of God and their respect for the Church, Charlie's definition of Lent was in principle true. In this he thought Charlie would agree with him.

GOOD NEWS.

At last it is coming! The best news St. George's people have ever received. The church is coming. St. George's is to have a fine church beside the beautiful and useful parish house. The prophecy of ten years ago uttered in doubt, it is passing strange, is now on its way of realization. One felt then when he heard it as Sarah felt when the angel promised her a son. The son came, and so the church edifice, too, is coming. God has opened the way. The minister has received from a generous Christian woman a donation of $500 as a beginning of a church building fund. This, to be sure, is not a church building, but it is an earnest for a church building to come. Come it will, now that the door is open; but how soon, our people alone can determine. We may not be able to raise the money for the building, but we are certainly able to show our love for the church and our need of the church by faithful attendance at services. Thus our demand for it will create the supply, and it will bring it about only as fast as we want it to come. God has always done more for us than we for ourselves, and He changeth not. If we as loyal people will work with Him, He will even lighten our burden. There are no people who have a better opportunity for making their lives count for good than have the people of St. George's. For there are no people who are given a better opportunity to work with God than the people of St. George's. Take heed, therefore, oh ye men, women and children of Richmond, that you use this God-given opportunity well and wisely. Let us rise to this great occasion, and show in the best measure we can our appreciation of God's blessings.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Next, perhaps, in importance to having a church-building fund, is the latest event in St. George's career. Through the kindness of Miss Laura N. Platt, a Girls' Club was instituted on February 15. It was found necessary to organize this club in two branches. The girls who work during the day, from 14 years of age and upward, meet on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The junior branch, composed of school girls, meets on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4.30 o'clock. Both branches are under the immediate guidance and instruction of Miss Jane Cowen. Our improved basement is most suitable as a club room for girls. The club has now a membership of sixty girls, and promises to become the best social agency for girls in the neighborhood. We consider it a godsend for the girls of our neighborhood, and we advise every girl in Richmond to take advantage of it. Parents also will find much to the advantage of their daughters by having them affiliate with the Girls' Club.

The Amateur Athletic Association has now a membership of thirty-two splendid young men. They have arranged a fine schedule of contests.

The Men's Club will have an election of officers Thursday evening, March 7.

One of the most successful entertainments, given February 16, was that by the boys of the A. A. A., assisted by some girls of the Dramatic Club. We are looking forward with much pleasure to a series of such successes throughout the year.

The entertainment to have been given by the Dramatic Club on January 29 has been postponed to April 16. The tickets bearing the date of January 29 will be honored at the door on April 16. The Dramatic Club plans to repay with entertainment the inconvenience caused to

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

451, Feb. 4, Naomi Ruth Herz

252, " 4, Bert Harry Dillon

MARRIAGES

No.

72, Feb. 13, { Ernest Jackson Weaver
Minnie Myrtle Morders

73, Feb. 24, { Harry Rudolph
Mary Anna Pierceay

74, Feb. 28, { William Adam Swift
Sarah Harriet Swift

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

197, Feb. 28, Rebecca Holmes Rutherford

some by this unavoidable postponement.

Our members and friends of the Church are invited to receive an Easter envelope for their special Easter offering, according to the time-honored custom. We would urge you to get this envelope early in Lent and use it conveniently throughout the season, and present it on Easter Day as your Easter offering at either morning or evening service.

It is interesting to note that our Sunday School still continues to prosper. We have added three violinists to the organ—Masters Laney, Simon and Bamford. Under the direction of Mr. Wolf the singing is hearty and joyous. The crying need is still—TEACHERS. We should be so constituted that if a teacher cannot come, he should either provide a substitute or notify the superintendent in time that he may do it. There is no higher station in life before God and men than the station of a Sunday School teacher who fills his or her position worthily. Some day the world will have to recognize this fact, if it does not now.

All our classes in the Main Department have distinguished themselves in various ways during the last month. Class No. 1 leads in conduct; it is, therefore, the banner class. Classes 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 have maintained the 100 mark in conduct throughout the month. Class 9 holds the banner for attendance and collection. Other classes are doing splendidly, and, on the whole, we have a banner Sunday School.

The Primary Department also is making excellent progress under the care of Miss Klein and our faithful teachers. It is a pleasure to drop into this department during its session. They are the dearest little children you have seen. They number 201 on the roll, and the teachers have their good hands full.

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Beginning with next month, it is proposed to extend through the columns of the Visitor birthday greetings and congratulations from the officers and Sunday School members to such as have been blessed with birthdays during the month. We, therefore, ask both teachers and scholars to keep correct card record, that no one be omitted. A birthday is the commemoration of the greatest event of our life.

Room, more room, is now the cry of our societies in their weekday activities. We wish it were the cry also at Church services. But we do need more room for expansion, both in Sunday School and other works. If the church is built it will be a great relief and an impulse for further growth. But the most effective way to get more room is to fill the Church, which is, after all, the moving power for good.

We have about 60 members in the Men's Bible Class, but we ought to have 120, and we might have them if the members become missionaries. No, there is no "might" about it. We *can* have them if the members work for more. This is a man's work, and it most becomes him.

All our people and friends are invited to the Parish Guild quarterly meeting, to be held Tuesday evening, March 5, on the second floor of the parish house. The Girls' Club meets in the basement. Officers especially are urged to be present with their reports. This meeting is most important, and we want a large attendance.

We have in the Church Building Fund $500. In the Rectory Fund, $101.10. Last reported in the Coal Fund, $48.25; received from Misses Wappler, $2; Miss Elliott, $1; J. Rodman Paul, $15; Men's Club (light and heat), $10; total in Coal Fund, $76.25.

We again appeal strongly to our friends to send for our store and rummage sales all the things they can spare. We are utilizing everything to good advantage. If you only knew just how much these things help!

Our Coal Fund opens the first Saturday in March. Deposits can be made every Saturday, from 8 to 9 A. M. The Stamp Savings Fund is open the same hour.

The Rev. Charles S. Lyons, rector of St. Alban's, Roxborough, will preach at St. George's Sunday evening, March 3. The Rev. C. Sydney Goodman, rector of Emanuel, Holmesburg, will preach at St. George's Sunday morning, March 10.

"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the House of the Lord." (Ps. cxxii:1.) There is many a sad heart that may be gladdened by an invitation to Church and the Lord's Table. The Psalmist only expresses the deep yearning of every soul not yet dead or drugged. Nothing gladdens the soul more than the coming in touch with holy things. When you make the soul glad the whole person is glad. Dear people of St. George's, do not miss an opportunity of inviting men and women to Church, for thereby you may make glad many a sad heart.

"In hope thou mayest cherish the unripened grain, thus love those who are not yet good. Be such toward all as the Truth has shown itself toward thee. Just as it has sustained and loved thee for thy betterment, so do thou sustain and love men in order to better them." (Prior Guigo, 1130 A. D.)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully hear our prayer, and grant unto Thy people all things that are needful for their spiritual welfare. Strengthen the faithful, heal the sick, turn the wicked and rouse the careless, and bring all to be of one heart and one soul within the fold of Thy Holy Church. Prosper the works of all our societies to the honor and glory of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

CHAPEL NEWS.

The following received medals on the First Sunday in Advent for faithful attendance to choir duty: Sadie Hanson, Edna Reed and Mae Hanson. This makes the second year that the first two have held their medals.

The choir, under Mr. Barnes, continues to progress. A probationary choir has been formed, which will doubtless be a source of supply for the regular choir.

The following speakers have been secured for the Sunday evenings of Lent: Messrs. E. V. McCarthy, F. Mendelson Meehan, August Belmont, William Edward Everett, Donald Birch and Caleb Cresson.

Wednesday evening services are held at the chapel during Lent.

Mrs. Owens kindly contributed $7 to start an organ fund. Let us hope that this fund will grow into the realization of a splendid pipe organ as an addition to the beauty of our worship.

The addresses at the Wednesday evening services will bear on the subject of Confirmation. Those desirous of receiving this rite of the Church should try to attend diligently these services.

It is to be hoped that our Confirmation Class may be in such shape as to enable us to invite the Bishop to visit the chapel some time after Easter.

The G. F. S., under Miss Coulter, is developing beautifully.

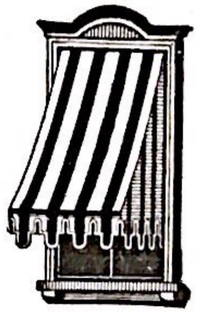
The Kindergarten Mothers are planning for an entertainment to raise some money for supplies for the work of the children.

The Sunday School is doing remarkably well. The children are eager to make their Lenten offering on Easter Day big.

The chapel girls and their friends are cordially invited to join the Girls' Club at the parish house.

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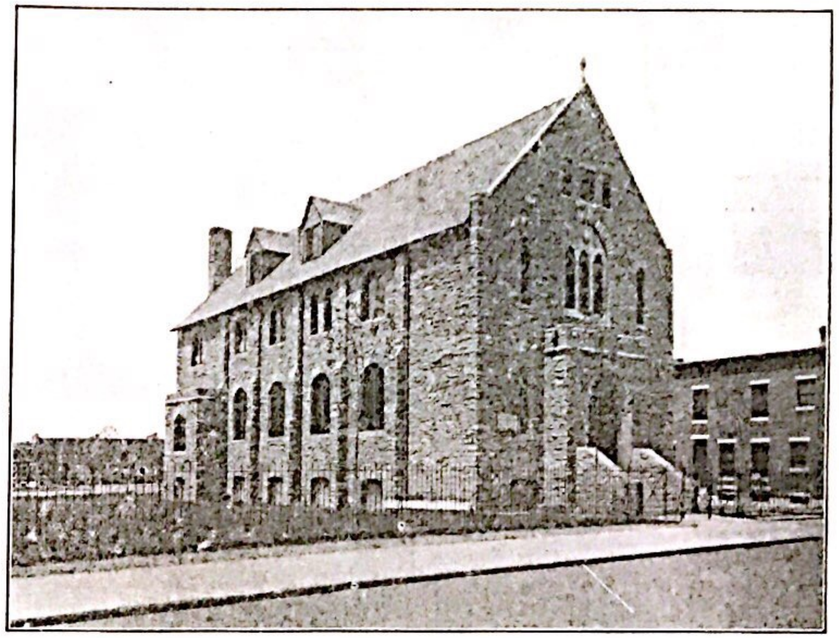
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HE IS RISEN!

Dear Parishioners:—

This is my salutation to you, dear friends, in this season of great joy, and comfort, and hope. It is the salutation of the whole creation. It meets us everywhere and on every side. The things which seemed dead are alive again. The erstwhile dead earth throbs and quivers, and life is bursting forth in jets of various colors and beauty. The grave cannot hold it. Every blade of grass, and snowdrop, and crocus, and hyacinth, and myriads of others that follow, all greet us with the salutation "He is Risen!" They are all God's chorus which sings the song of the Resurrection. They are all from the tiniest blade of grass to the biggest tree of the forest, the great pipe organ on which God plays the hymn of the Resurrection.

"Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken every chain."

Easter is the divine proclamation of freedom; freedom from fear, freedom from anxiety, and freedom from death, or even the dread of it. For the sting of death is sin. The Christian needs have no fear of death. He whose heart is at one with Christ will fear no death. "Faithful is the saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him! if we endure, we shall also reign with Him." Death and the fear of death belong to them who deny Him. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death." This is St. Paul's testimony, and verifies in human experience our Lord's own words: "If, therefore, the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

May I remind you, dear friends, that this is the eleventh Easter of my ministry among you? Starting with very little we have together grown up to be a goodly company of God's family, and have reached a place of usefulness both to ourselves and others. To you, my faithful parishioners, is due all that has been done, and all that we have. We have labored indeed, but our labor was not in vain. "Ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." This is the secret of all worthy achievement, namely, when we strive in the Lord. It is the Easter spirit that gives us hope, and comfort, and joy; and it is to this spirit that we owe all that we have as a congregation. Doubtless, our efforts have not always been sucessful. We have failed in many things; the things we have left undone; but we have succeeded insofar as we have labored in the Lord. If we have failed in anything, it was when we failed to labor in the Lord. There is nothing impossible with God. We are always strong, and can do anything by the power of His might: but the difficulties grow, and the burden becomes heavy when this power is lacking. It is for this reason that I have never ceased preaching to you the message of the Resurrection. For it is a message, if heartily accepted, that breaks the chains which keep us from doing the thinks we ought to do. It is the message, if heartily accepted, that sets us free to act as we would, from death unto life.

Happy is the congregation who have the Easter spirit in their corporate life. For it is the spirit which works a continuous process of resurrection; it is the missionary spirit. No hand can keep such a congregation from growing. For they are free to act for God and men. In a Church like this, the pews are seldom empty for any reason or another; the Sunday School is well manned; the classes are full; and the body of Christ, which is the Church, is growing freely day by day into the likeness of its founder in the knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom. May the Easter spirit abide with us all; and may it continue to be the means of freeing us from anything which may hinder our progress. May we never cease to grow; and may the Easter spirit, the missionary spirit, the spirit of the Resurrection be ours for evermore.

Faithfully yours,

A. J ARKIN

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Palm Sunday our Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held a special service at the car barn at Richmond and Allegheny Avenues. Both oragnists, of the Parrish House and the Old Chapel, with their choirs, were there. Mr. Atkins had also some of the older members of the Sunday School present to help in the singing; and Mr. McHenry delivered the address. The service was very much appreciated by the conductors and motormen and by the office staff. The Church music left a deep impression on them all. We expect to have such services oftener.

The Girls Club has by a vote adopted the name of St. George's with brown and gold as its colors. The following officers were elected by ballot: Jennie Jacobs, President; Katherine McKinley, Vice-President; Wilhelmina McWhinney, Secretary; Edith McKinley, Financial Secretary; Charlotte Boyle, Treasurer. After attending an election at St. George's Girl's Club one is forced to carry with him the conviction that equal suffrage is bound to come; and that the argument that women do not care to vote is utterly without foundation. It was certainly a clean and honest election.

The VISITOR has gone over the Sunday School records looking for birthdays. The records are as yet incomplete; but such as they are we find that the following will celebrate their birth days this month: Mary Woodworth, Samuel Woodworth, Edwin Tustin, George Mammel, John Dillon, Walter Busler, Norman Michael, Helen Corriston, George Woodworth, Elizabeth Stewart, Harry Simons, Wm. Ogelsby, Mrs. Luke Phillips, Mabel Alexander, Ethel Wittemberger, Frank Frederick-

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No.

453. Mar. 17, Ellwood Norman W. Schada
454, " 24, Elizabeth Herbsleb
452, " 31, Virginia Margaret Toomey
456, " 31, John Joseph O'Keefe
457, " 31, Lydia Marie Ziegenbien
458, " 31, Herbert Courtney Fowler
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No.

75, March 27, { William Murphy / Alvira Jean Eckert

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No.

198, March 18, Catherine Moore
199, " 26, Anna May Saxton
200 April 1, Sophia Wappler

son, Is. Jacobs, Samuel McGowan, Chas. Chamberline, James Gallagher, Harry Davis. We are glad to congratulate them upon this great event in their lives, and wish them joy and long life.

The following is the Secretary's report of the Sunday School classes during the past month: Classes 6 and 12 lead in attendence, and No. 9 in collection. Classes Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 14 have received 100 for conduct.

We call the attention of our readers to our advertisers.

The Boys' Hardworking Club have chosen the following officers: Mr. Wm. Schwenderman, President; Halftan Pedersen, Vice-President; George Woodworth, Secretary; Harold Pedersen, Treasurer.

We are sorely in need of Sunday School teachers. It is impossible to do effective work in Sunday School without enough teachers This is a problem most perplexing, and we appeal to the congregation to help to solve it.

Another need is more men in the choir. We need tenors and basses. Are there not some generous young men who can sing, and who would be willing to give their services to the Church? Mr. Carey would be glad to give them the necessary instructions.

On March 28, in the evening the Old Chapel Kindergarten gave a most charming exposition of its work. It was a most delightful entertainment. The children did remarkably well. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Kindergarten.

Members of the Church and friends are kindly requested to give timely notice to the Minister when he is called upon to officiate at funerals. This will enable him to make his engagements without any inconvenience to any one.

The Minister will heartily appreciate information given him of sick people who may wish his ministration. The rubric on page

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281 of the Prayer Book reads as follows:

"When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish."

Our confirmation classes have always been made up of goodly numbers. The time is near towards the getting together of another class. The congregation can help greatly the Minister in this most worthy and laudable task. The Minister will be glad to receive applications for membership in the coming class for confirmation.

We still have a few sets of weekly envelopes which should be taken up by those who wish to become regular subscribers to the Church. It greatly lightens the burden of meeting expenses when contributions are regular. Those who are already holders of envelopes will kindly notice their double purpose. For it has two pockets. One is for the support of the Church and the other side is for missions. Both are being used liberally by most of our contributors; and it is hoped that all will use them. It matters not how small the contribution for missions is, it is very helpful.

We look hopefully to this year's Easter offering. It has always been a deep gratification in the past, and we are sure it will be so this year. If there is any one who has not received an Easter envelope and wishes to use it, we shall be glad to provide him with one immediately.

We have received recently some responses to our appeal for clothing and other useful household articles for our monthly sales; but the demand is much greater than the supply. May we call again the attention of friends to this need. We know not of any other place to which such contributions may be more advantageously made than to St. George's store.

The Dramatic Club will give its entertainment on April 16. This was to be given on January 29, and was postponed to the date just given. The tickets dated January 29 will be honored on April 16.

There is on deposit in the Church Building Fund $500, a very good beginning for a new Church. We know not how fast this fund will grow; but we know what can make it grow. It is the love of our people for our Church; and the zeal of St. George's congregation as shown in the worship of God. We should very much like to boast from the housetop of large congregations at Church services, but we are not permitted by the stay-at-home people to do so. When all our people in Richmond fully awake to their responsibilities and demand a Church for the worship of God, the fund will grow fast enough. May it grow fast enough.

The Rectory Fund now amounts to $101.10.

There is in the Coal Fund $76.25.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes held at the home of Mr. Biddle a set of by-laws were adopted. Mr. Biddle reported that a summer home had been secured for the use of members of the Bible Class. This home will accommodate more than fifty people. It is within easy reach from the city, so that men can go into town for work after an evenings recreation and a night's rest in the country. The house will be opened in May. There is every facility for athletic sports and games on the grounds on which the house is located. The charge is very moderate.

Our Bible Class has been keeping up splendidly but much more can be done in the way of growth. Our men have gotten a taste of lovalty, and like it. And nothing will stand in the way when they get to work. We meet at 9 A.M., every Sunday, and visitors are most welcome.

"Success, my boy, is the aim of all,
But to live that joy to the full,
You want to get there
Through the door marked Push
And not through the door marked Pull."

There is an old saying which reads as follows: "There is nothing that costs so little and goes so far as courtesy." The remarkable thing about courtesy is that it works well everywhere and at all times. It does wonders when applied even in the domestic circle, between parents and children, and brothers and sisters, say nothing in society meetings and clubs. It works well in the department stores between buyers and sellers; and certainly it is very wholesome in Church. Happy is he whom his parents taught the practice of courtsey from his babyhood.

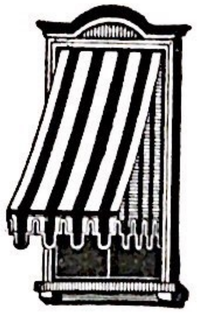
"Whatever the weather may be, says he, Whatever the weather may be—'Tis the songs ye sing and the smiles ye wear That's a makin' the sun shine every where." We wonder how this would apply to church going. Mr. Riley's rhyme may seem to have nothing to do with going to church; but we are sure that if the weather is left out of consideration when the hour of service is announced, there would be more sunshine in the hearts of many people.

Question. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Answer. The strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Chirst, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

Question. What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

Answer. To examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remenbrance of his death; and be in charity with all men.



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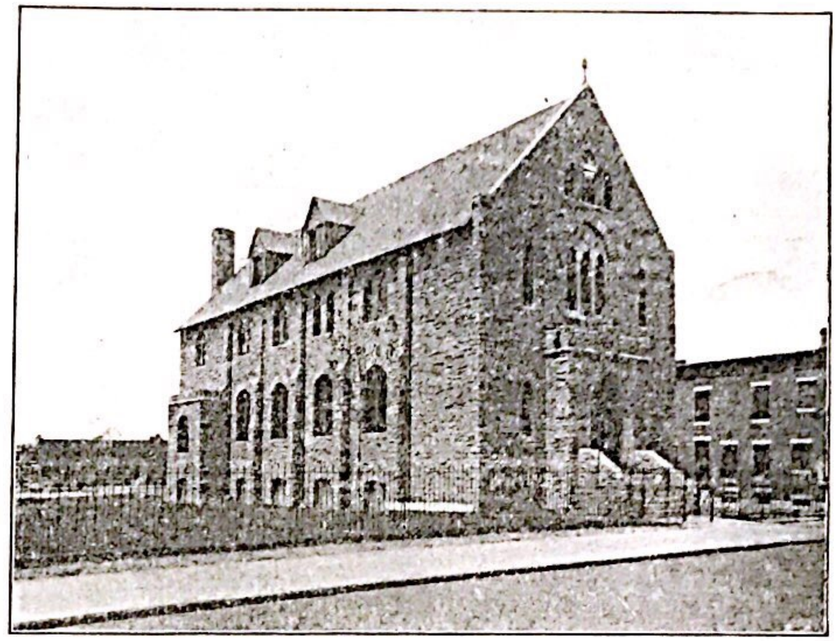
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IS IT I?

Yes, it is YOU, and no other. Who is it, if it is not you? Do you know of any one of whom you are more conscious than of yourself? Do you know of any one who is more important than yourself? Do you not find it very difficult to think that your place might be filled better by another? You, and you alone, are the principal factor in life; all others are the lesser lights, so to speak, which revolve around the sun, which is you. You are the star on the stage of life. You cannot efface yourself even if you try. You are indestructible. You live both in evil deeds and in good deeds; in the place of torment or in paradise; but you live and are conscious of your being. Even if you lose yourself in love for others you find yourself. Thus in selfish life and in the Christian life you are you, and no other.

Now, this is a fact which is good to take to heart seriously. You must not, you dare not, deny yourself. The moment you attempt this, you do yourself violence. You raise up contradiction; you cause confusion; you break the harmony of your own life, and you give pain to others.

To come to the point: the claims for your superiority are valid. God Himself has established them. You have intellect; you have noble desires; you can think and reason; you can change and make things; you have high aspirations and the power to inspire others. You can laugh and you can weep, and you can make others do either of these. You hold the key to both joy and sorrow. There is nothing too low or too high for you. You can love and hate with a passion that passes man's understanding. Your heart yearns for the beauty of holiness. Greater claims for superiority than these there are none. In your social sphere you are as the sun in its universe, capable of sending out light and life to everything around it. What would happen if the sun denied itself? If it ceased to perform the function for which it was created? And what actually happens when you deny, or forget, yourself in the performance of your high offices for which you were created? You cannot conceive of the sun stopping, even for a moment, to find fault with the faults of lesser stars, or criticise the spots on other suns. The character of the sun, as well as the welfare of the universe, whose life it is, forbid even the thought of it. So does your character and the welfare of the community in which you shine forbid you, if you are true to yourself, from stopping even for a moment your light. To stop your own light in the effort of finding fault with the light of others is to deny yourself; and in thus denying yourself you do violence to yourself and give pain to others. The world in which you move is not perfect. There are all kinds of deadly germs and diverse diseases; but science shows you that light and not darkness kills the deadly germs and heals diverse diseases. It is the light of your own superior character and life which is the only effectual remedy for the imperfections of others: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Let it shine continually without any interruption. For the moment it ceases to shine there is darkness, and darkness is productive of evil. The mischief is done during the interruption.

Our house is so arranged that it takes every moment of our time to keep it in order. We can cast a stone, or criticise the houses of others, only at the expense of the order of our own house. It is intended that each one order his own life well, and by doing this he shall help others do the same. There is no virtue in judging others. Do we live up to the standard we are tempted to set for others? Every time we cast an eye on the faults of others we take it away from our own with fatal results to ourselves.

At the Last Supper of our Lord with His disciples, as recorded in St. Matthew's Gospel, "He said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me. And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and began to say unto Him every one, Is it I, Lord?" This is the best evidence of their admirable characters. Instead of turning their searchlights on each other, they turned it each on himself. If we think that our Lord is being betrayed to-day by neglect of the Church, by indifference to His Ordinances, or Sacraments; if we think that He is being betrayed by readiness to pass by, or give up, opportunities for doing the work He set before us to do, we ought, in common sense and honesty, first ask, "Is it I, Lord?" Perhaps if this question is honestly answered there will be no need of going any further.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Easter has greatly heightened the joy of St. George's, both old and new. It has revealed in the offerings the growing love and loyalty of the people for their Church. It has also shown at Holy Communion the devotion of our people to our Lord Jesus Christ. If numbers count, and we think they do, then the statements just recorded are modestly made. The gratifying fact is that every year, every Easter, finds St. George's bigger in stature and in wisdom, and, we trust and pray, in favor with God and men.

Growth is not without its pains. We know that we have grown, because we have felt the pains; but now we rejoice for a fine parish that is coming into the diocese. "Coming," mark you, by the grace of God and the help and love of men.

The offerings on Easter Day were as follows: Mothers' Meeting, $100; St. George's Guild, $100; others of the congregation, $96; Mrs. Gransback's Class, $6.50; Mr. Hagey's Class, $1.78; Miss Wood's Class $2; Primary Department, $29; Babies' Branch,

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
460, Apr. 7, Frederick Robert Garfield McCoach
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201, Apr. 20, Edw. L. Sargent

$10.27; Women's Auxiliary, $13; Sunday School Lenten Offering, $71.06; total, $429.51. This does not include the Old Chapel receipts, which are given elsewhere. All our societies and guilds have at once begun to take up the work for the results at the next Easter, which, by God's grace and according to our tradition, will surpass the one gone before. Meantime, we shall be able to pay off some debts and meet our full apportionment for Missions of $150.

On the first Tuesday evening, June 4, at 8 o'clock, the Parish Quarterly Meeting takes place. It should be made a neighborhood meeting. We should have a union meeting of all societies with reports of their work for the three months just past. It should be a jubilee meeting. Our women should co-operate with our young people to make the evening sociable, as well as entertaining. Why not be happy while we can? Save the date—June 4.

The Girls' Club, guided by Miss Cowen and Miss Prince, have given their first social evening, Tuesday, April 30. The Committee on Entertainment, consisting of Misses Elsie Gallagher, Mamie Wenzel, Anna Lloyd, Edith Scott, Ruth Shute and Jennie Jacobs, have distinguished themselves in the performance of their task. It was a most pleasant and joyful evening. The lemonade was delicious.

Mr. Chester A. Russell, president of the Athletic Association, reports a membership of 45. A second entertainment is in preparation early in June. The base ball team is expected to make a name for itself. A surprise is on foot which will interest everybody. Look for it. The other officers are: George Bingham, vice-president; Elisha Bingham, secretary; William Bitting, treasurer.

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Although we have been hampered in the Main Department for want of teachers, the attendance of our Sunday School for the past month has been good. Nos. 2 and 6 have distinguished themselves for attendance; Nos. 5, 11, 12 and 14, financially, and Nos. 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12 and 14 for conduct. Good conduct is most essential to the success of a Sunday School, and we ask the parents to co-operate with the officers and teachers of the Sunday School to maintain a high standard of behavior in St. George's Sunday School.

The last Sunday in each month the Teachers' Institute is holding its meeting soon after the School session. Teachers will please bear the date in mind.

The last and not the least addition to the activities of St. George's is the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society through the kindness of our good neighbors. It meets on the second floor at 6.45 every Sunday evening. These meetings appeal to us very strongly, since they are truly devotional, as well as social. They give our young people an opportunity to express themselves as they would on religious subjects. We are very grateful to Mr. Clegg, who instituted this society, and to the young ladies and gentlemen who have come for the last few meetings to help and guide us in the laudable work. We were delighted and helped greatly by the address to our young people at the last meeting by Dr. Barlow. We know of no more Christian physician than Dr. Barlow. He has demonstrated, by his life and conduct, that it is possible for a physician to be active in the Church without in the least impairing his efficiency in his profession. Indeed, his religious life gives dignity to his profession, and makes him doubly useful as a citizen in our community.

Our Junior Auxiliary, No. 2, made up of little girls, have changed their meeting to Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The girls who come are greatly profited in many ways. Mothers are urged, for the good of their little girls, to send them to the Junior meetings Monday afternoon.

RECTORY FUND.

Previously reported, $101.10; received from Mrs. Gilmour, $5. Total on hand, $106.10. Due on unpaid pledges, $218.50. The treasurer of the fund, Mr. Paul S. Atkins, 19 E. Benezet street, will be glad to call, upon receipt of a postal, for any subscription.

There is now in the Church Building Fund, $500. Received from Miss Maud Adams, $2. Total, $502. We hope this Fund will grow.

On April 14 our Bible Class had the honor and pleasure of a visit from Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle. They took the opportunity of presenting him with the class picture, a most magnificent photograph of a body of solid men, as their token of appreciation of his friendship and interest in the work. Our membership numbers 60.

The Men's Club has adopted new by-laws, and meets every Thursday evening. All well-meaning men over 16 years of age are eligible to membership of the Club.

We ask again our friends to send us all the clothing and household articles they can spare for our store. We make real good use of them.

CHAPEL NOTES.

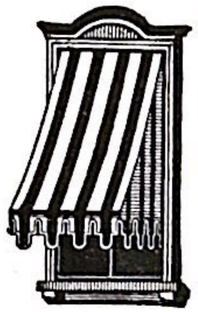
Bishop Garland will visit the chapel, East Venango and Edgemont streets, third Sunday after Trinity, June 23, to administer Confirmation. Mr. Atkins will be pleased to receive the names of persons not already enrolled in this class.

From the early morning celebration of the Holy Communion, through the children's service in the afternoon, and concluding with the evening worship, there was a spirit of Easter happiness and joy that made the day one long to be remembered. Through the generous work of the Altar Committee—Mrs. Kercher, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Pogson—the chapel was prettily decorated with Easter lilies and potted plants. The music under Mr. Barnes was a delight.

That which added mostly to the joy of Easter was the Sunday School service, under the direction of Miss Coulter and her sister. The Lenten offering for Missions is $37.27.

At the evening worship the congregation made a special offering of nearly $20 over ogain $3. a year ago. Next Easter we plan to surpass this record.

While some of the women fitted up the vestry inside, the men have done some telling work to the grounds and building on the outside. Under the direction of Mr. Blatz a new cement walk was laid from the street to the entrance of the chapel. The gentlemen contributing to this work were Messrs. Pogson, Seemuller, Bieber, Williamson, Lee, Oechsle, and others. As a result, a new appearance has been given to the property.



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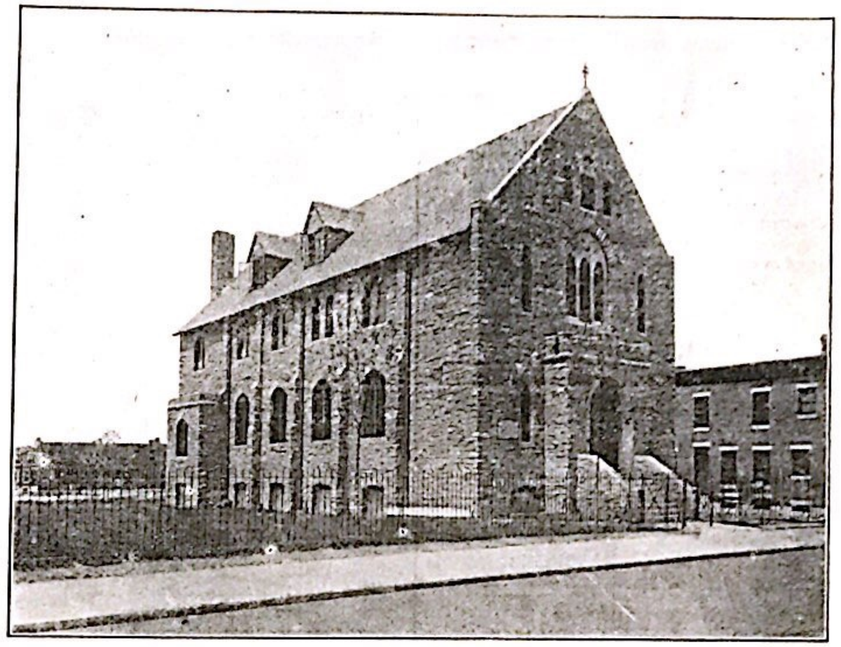
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THE MINISTER'S DREAM.

It was Monday, after Whitsunday, late in the afternoon that the Minister in the village of Hopetown, returned to his room tired and fagged out. He had been visiting. The night before he went to his bed with a heavy heart, made heavy by disappointment in the number of people attending the Church Services on Whitsunday. In the morning on leaving the breakfast table, he found waiting for him a woman humbly clad and in tears. Her boy was in trouble. He fell into temptation, and was hard pressed in consequence. It made the Minister's heart sad. All the day he went about on some errand of helpfulness. He visited at the hospital and at the homes of the sick and the sorrowful. He listened to many tales of woe, and his sympathetic heart grew sick. And though sick at heart he durst not show it in his face. Thus depressed by a feeling of helplessness he threw himself on the couch as soon as he entered his room late that afternoon, and in a moment he was dreaming.

He dreamed it was Whitsunday early in the morning; and he was making ready for the early celebration of the Holy Communion, wondering how many to provide for. The sky was clear; and the golden rays of the rising sun threw a golden light on everything they touched. The Minister felt the quiet beauty of holiness which was stirring his soul, and he thought of the great event, of the coming down of the Holy Ghost upon the first Church at Jerusalem, the event which he and his congregation were to commemorate that day; and he muttered a prayer that many might come.

Softly the church door opened and closed, oftener and oftener as the hour of service was drawing nigh. His heart was filled with joy as he saw men and women, young and old, coming in with heads bowed in reverence, and kneeling in silent prayer. The church was half full. It was a glorious celebration. Instantly the vision changed, and he found himself addressing the Men's Bible Class, sixty-five strong, on the lesson of the day, "The power of the Holy Ghost;" the men listening eagerly and being deeply impressed. By some mysterious and sudden change so natural in a dream, the Minister saw himself preaching at the second morning service to a congregation which filled the Church. The people came to celebrate the great Christian festival, Whitsunday, in a Christian fashion. The choir was there in full number; and the Minister thought he never heard them sing so beautifully. He knew that the hymns and anthems which the choir sang lifted up the hearts of the whole congregation because they were sung earnestly and heartily to the glory of God. His own heart was so filled with the Holy Spirit and with joy that his sermon was like a message from above, and his words fell upon the hearts of the people with healing in their wings. They all went home greatly edified, and carried away with them a happiness and peace which pass man's understanding; for both husbands and wives sat in the pews with their children between them, and all worshipped God together like one big family, and more than two-thirds of the Men's Bible Class partook of the Holy Communion.

And while the Minister was rejoicing, and thinking that day the happiest in his life, he suddenly stood before the Sunday School with every teacher and officer at his post; and the children in the best order eager to answer the questions which he put to them on the lesson of the day, "The Holy Ghost the Comforter." What devotion, and what loyalty to the Church! As he thought of this with a joyful heart there passed before him as if in panorama all the societies and guilds of the Church at work. Each society was busily engaged in its particular activity; with hearts beating with love for the Church and for one another. They were all well attended, well officered, and well equipped. The spirit of harmony and brotherhood pervaded them all. And while they varied in occupation, work or play, they all worked to the same end, namely, the building up of the Kingdom of God. The last in the panorama was the union meeting of all the societies and the families of the parish. Here it was, when all the people came to hear each other's progress in the work for the Church. Each society admired and cheered the work of the other, and each determined to excel the other in good works. The prevailing harmony and fellowship was catching, and the big audience of men, women and children became as one large family; and when the doxology was sung at the close of the meeting the Minister's heart was aching with joy, and he awoke; and behold, it was a dream! "Yes, a dream," he muttered to himself; but one which by God's grace I shall give my life to realize; and if I fail, some other Minister will take up the task until it is a dream no more. May God open the eyes of the people to their possibilities, to what they can do if they would."

CONFIRMATION.

For the last few years our Confirmation classes have been quite creditable to our Church, and our congregation has grown to the present size out of these Confirmation classes. Last year twenty-nine men and twenty-nine women have been added to our numbers by Confirmation. What this year will bring we can not tell. But we know that if we all pray and work for a large Confirmation Class it will be realized. The Minister will be glad to receive the names of those who are thinking of Confirmation. Meantime he prays fervently that there be many who are thinking of it; for he is convinced that when a person thinks of it, he will find it not only reasonable but most helpful in his efforts to live a Christian life. Our authority for this is the Bible, and the practice of the Apostles.

St. George's Athletic Association has a membership of 45, with 32 active members. Their base ball

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
468, May 5, Othar Sather
469, " 8, Rebecca Kirchenman
470, " 8, Sarah Kirchenman
471, " 8, Emma Kirchenman
472, " 8, Joseph Kirchenman
473, " 11, Anna Frances Weining
474, " 12, Dorothy Ellen Ericsson
475, " 12, Hazel Elizabeth Kern
476, " 12, Elsie Wilhelmina Laubengeyer
477, " 19, Olive Brown Arndt
478, " 19, Dorothy Wilhelmina Layer
479, " 19, Margaret Hannah Layer

MARRIAGES

No.
77, May 15, { Howard Geo. Schauerman / Ruth Edith Hackelton
78, May 22, { George David Moore / Kathryn Turner Gallagher

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
202, May 7, Elizabeth Kuhn Sargent
203, " 20, Sarah J. Piper

team has been unusually successful this season. On April 27 they defeated the Cobb 5 to 3. On May 11 St. George's team defeated the Hiawatha A. C., the champions of West Philadelphia, 15 to 9. Later the White Rock Giants met defeat in a contest with St. George's boys by the close score of 3 to 2, the games being errorless. On May 25 St. George's team defeated the Eagles by forfeit. Mr. Chester A. Russell having resigned as President of the Association the members elected Mr. Edgar Ellis to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Wm. Bitting is acting manager.

As we go to press, news comes that St. George's team has defeated Holy Trinity 12 to 11 in a close contest, on Drexel-Biddle Bible Home field, on Memorial Day. Incidently our boys are preparing for a minstrel show which will surpass the one given before.

Boys and girls wishing for a vacation in the country, or sea shore, will please make their applications at once.

On Tuesday evening, June 4, our Quarterly Parish Guild Meeting takes place. Invitations have been sent to every society with request to let the committee know how many of each society are expected to be present. This is going to be the best meeting we have had. Every society meeting under the roof of St. George's are to make their formal report of their work for the past three months. The congregation and their friends are cordially invited. Let us make it a memorable evening. The Minister has some interesting reports to make.

St. George's has undertaken the pleasant task of a free Lemon Hill excursion for the children of Richmond this year also. Provisions have been made for 1,200 children this year instead of 900 last year.

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We are glad to add the name of Mildred Doole to the list of those who distinguished themselves in the Lenten Offering.

Our Sunday School is holding out splendidly in spite of the lack of teachers. The banner classes for attendance last month are Nos. 6, 10 and 12. For collection 5, 12 and 14; for conduct, Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14.

We again appeal to our members and friends for volunteer teachers in the Sunday School; and for volunteer tenors and basses in the choir.

Boxes of clothing and articles for our store will be very acceptable. We are constantly in need of such things to supply the demands at our monthly rummage sales.

Previously reported in the rectory fund $106.10. Received from Miss Edith Taylor $5, Mrs. Isabella Woodworth $2. Total on deposit $113.10. Due on unpaid pledges $211.50.

Miss Edith S. Taylor, one of our most excellent young ladies, has gone to England, and has taken her mother with her. Miss Taylor is shortly to be married and make her home in England whence she came to this country. While we feel the heavy loss to St. George's, for such excellent service rendered the Church both by Miss Edith and her sister, Dora, is difficult to replace, we heartily join her host of friends in wishing her happiness all the days of her life. She has endeared herself to St. George's too well to be forgotten; and her memory will be that of a real Christian woman who has been an inspiration to all who worked with her. Good luck.

The entertainment given by our Girls' Club May 24 was a great success. The girls of this neighborhood have a splendid opportunity of showing to this community and to the city at large what a power for good girls can be when banded together.

It is a pleasure to see the growth of our Men's Bible Class. There are seldom less than thirty men present at the class meeting, and the Bible lessons are very interesting. We meet at 9 A. M. every Sunday.

The American Bible Society issued this year 459,479 more Bibles than the preceding year—3,691,201 in all. The Society has issued in its ninety-six years 94,219,105 volumes.

The recent discoveries which are being made by the excavation in Palestine are substantiating, more and more as the work goes on, the authenticity of the Bible, and the correctness of its statements. These facts are compelling some "wise" and "scholarly" men to change their fancies.

Robert E. Peary says that the best and only way to avoid icebergs is to give them a wide berth. This is equally true with temptations and questionable company.

Shakespeare said, "The evil that men do lives after them." How much more true is this with the good that men do!

There is now in the Church Building Fund $502. We hope this fund will grow.

The annual report to the Diocesan Convention May 1 from St. George's Mission reads as follows: Baptized 18 adults and 69 infants. Confirmed, 58. Present number of communicants, 287. Total membership in Sunday School, 695. Contributed to Diocesan Missions, etc., $84.46. Extra Diocesan, $158.39. Estimated aggregate value of property, $37,000. Not quite eleven years ago we began with a handful of people and seventy-five children and property worth not quite $2,000. If we as a congregation have made so much progress in spite of such tremendous difficulties, how much more may we accomplish with the improved conditions and equipment. God has given us an opportunity, and we must use it well. We cannot and we must not shirk our responsibility. It is to you, dear reader, that these words are addressed.

Our Boys' Hardworking Club, and our Junior Auxiliary No. 2, under Miss Adams, have doubled in numbers, and are doing work worthy of their names. It is a delight to see the boys and girls at work for the Church. We wish you prosperity, little ladies and gentlemen!

OLD CHAPEL NOTES.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., will visit the Chapel for Confirmation Sunday evening, June 23, at 7.30 o'clock. A goodly class is being prepared for that occasion.

At the April meeting of St. George's Chapel Guild officers were elected as follows: Benjamin Pogson, president; Charles Seemueller, vice-president; Charles G. Barnes, secretary and treasurer. A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Chris Vogt, retiring president, as a token of esteem and appreciation for his faithful and able services rendered the Guild for the past three years.

A strawberry festival will be held under the auspices of the Guild on Friday evening, and Saturday afternoon and evening, June 28 and 29. Admission 15 cents entitles one to ice cream and strawberries.

The men of the Chapel have repaired the roof and are now at work in the basement repairing the floors and walls, and remodeling the kitchen.

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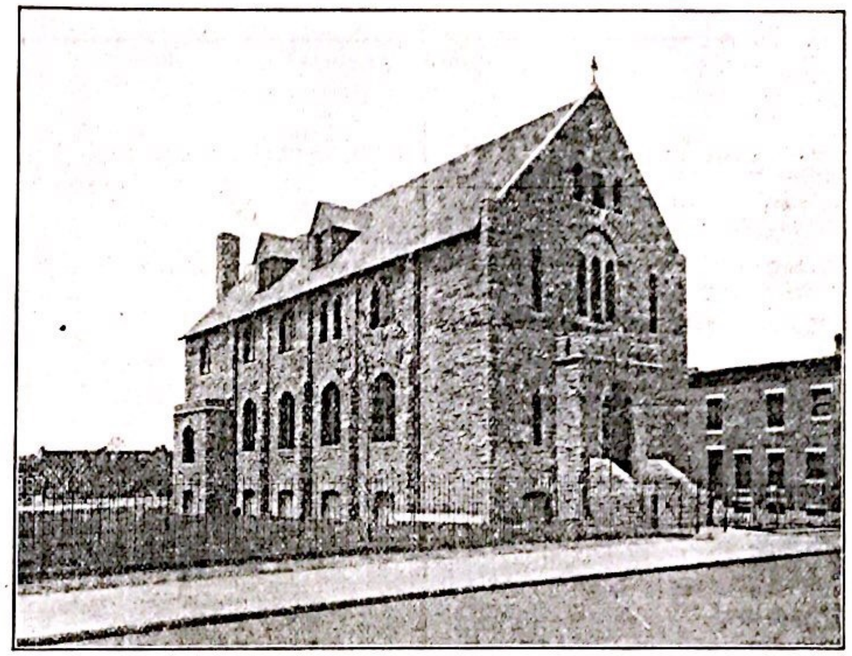
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THE FOURTH.

The morning after, while on the way to the shops, Thomas asked John how he spent his Fourth. "I had the greatest time of my life," replied John, quickly. Thomas was getting ready to hear of some interesting escapades on some crowded and feverish excursion; but he opened his eyes wide in astonishment when John began:

"I spent the whole day with my wife and two children at the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class Home. And I had a royal time. Why, Tom, you know not what a pleasure it is to me to come in contact with decent people, and I tell you the Bible Class men are decent. Look at this button. You see the rising sun? Well, we are making good. I tell you there are too many men with their faces towards the setting sun. We are turning them around and make them look up to the rising sun. You see, Tom, it all depends how you spend your time; yes, and with whom you spend it; yes, and where you spend it. I spent my Fourth at the Summer Home of our Bible Class with my wife and children and in the company of a joyful crowd of clean people. And, oh, what surroundings! A little paradise: Thirty-four acres of high ground of grove, and beautifully kept lawns and trees and shrubs; a fine baseball diamond, tennis courts, accommodations for men, women and children, piano and pool table, pure water, 20 cents for a good meal. Tom, it was a revelation to me. We had a fine game of baseball in the forenoon, and St. George's team won. Two other teams played in the afternoon. We had races and contests in sports for men and women, young and old. It is just the place for children and young people in whom older people can take delight. But, above all, the general atmosphere; it is charming. You just cannot help feel happy. It was like a large family of four hundred people or more. Everybody is your friend, anxious to please you. This Drexel-Biddle Bible Class movement is a great thing. You remember how we spent our Fourth last year. Of course, we meant well. We thought we had a good time; and we tried our best to make ourselves believe that we had a good time. But, oh, when it was over! No such a feeling to-day. I think I see the light. It is the light of the rising sun. I understand now what the Bible means when it says: 'Wisdom crieth aloud in the street . . . How long ye simple ones will ye love simplicity? And scoffers delight them in scoffing. And fools hate knowledge.' There is nothing, Tom, like spending the Fourth with Bible Class people; and not only the Fourth, but every day in your life."

"I have been thinking this few weeks of joining your class," said Tom, thoughtfully, 'If you will propose me as a member I will come." "You are wise," said John,

grasping his hand. The following Sunday the Bible Class had another member. And the sun was rising in another man's heart and cast its golden rays over the life of another family.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Sunday evening, July 7, a special service was held in memory of the Rev. John Totty, who died in Bournemouth, England, May 29. Rev. Robert A. Edwards, D.D., made the address, and was followed with a few words by the minister. Mr. and Mrs. Totty have spent many of their years in the Old Chapel, Venango, and have endeared themselves very much to the people of Venango. It was, indeed, fitting that the Mothers' Meeting should have decorated the altar with white beautiful flowers in memory of their former minister, since they are the first and the oldest organization which was formed by Mr. Totty, and nourished by Mrs. Totty. St. George's congregation, in both the old and new buildings, sent their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Totty, praying that God may give her grace to bear the affliction with faith in His promise. Yea, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

On Saturday, July the 6th, St. George's carried out most successfully the task given to it by the Lemon Hill Association, through Mr. O. LaForrest Perry, known as the Lemon Hill man. We promised to take out 1,200 Richmond children to Lemon Hill, and we took out over 1,300. Mr. Perry writes that our outing was the best he had ever had the honor of receiving. Of course, we do not believe in any other kind. We are always striving for the best. The children will remember long the good time they have had, both materially and spiritually. Thank you.

Our great Block Party, under the auspices of the St. George's Guild, will be given on Indiana avenue, between Almond and Gaul streets, July 19-20. Every society and guild is urged to render its help; and we shall be very grateful to all our friends for any assistance they may give.

Our Sunday School picnic will take place Thursday, July 25. We go to Washington Park, on the Delaware. It will be specially reserved for our Sunday School. And everything has been arranged accordingly. Boats will leave Allegheny avenue wharf at 8.30 A. M. and at 1 P. M.; returning, will leave Washington Park at 6.15 and 7 P. M. We shall have music and all manner of sport. Ticket for adults, 25 cents, and children, 10 cents, for the round trip. Any child may earn a ticket by selling five adult tickets. The money must be turned over as soon as possible. Our people are particularly urged to buy their tickets for the amusements and other things on the grounds from our Committee on Entertainment. The tickets will be 5 cents each, and they will be good for anything on the grounds. By doing this you will help the Church without any loss to yourself.

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No.
480, June 7, Walter Edwin Fields
481, " 9, William Henry Hill
482, July 7, William Hughes Coulter

MARRIAGES

No.
79, June 15, { William Henry Bell and Elizabeth Ann Bateman
80, June 29, { Francis Charles Drummond and Ella Mary Greer
81, July 6, { James Alfred Gribble and Mary Rose Budnic

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
204, July 8, Charles H. B. Schniering

The minister expects to be away during the month of August. All business relating to outings and the work of the Mission may be referred to Mrs. Ella C. Perry at the Parish House.

Members of the Girls' Club wishing to spend a vacation at Cape May will please register at Alcott House, 1106 Girard Street, just south of Market, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets. Rate for members, $4.00; for non-members, $4.50. G. F. S. members will please see Mrs. Perry.

Our Bible Class was very much honored by the visit of the President, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle, Sunday morning, July 7. He also attended the morning service and partook of the Holy Communion with a number of our Bible Class members. He also addressed our Sunday School, and visited the car barn, and then went to the Richmond Presbyterian Bible Class. From thence he hastened to the Bible Class Summer Home, where he stood as godfather at the baptism of three infants by the Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins. This is the way our President works.

Our Bible Class is looking forward towards a great Block Party to be given by the men Friday and Saturday, August 23-24. Plans should be laid out as soon as possible.

At no time did our young people have such an opportunity for good choir work as they have to-day in this Church. We have a choir master who is among the best, if not the best, in the Diocese. He is an expert teacher in singing. Our own congregation is bound to furnish the choir since we have no money to buy singers; nor should we buy when we have such good talent for choir service among our boys and girls. We are open for applications into the choir; but please note that one qualification for membership in the choir is reverent behavior and dignified carriage.

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We again urge all those who have not yet taken out weekly envelopes for the support of the Church to do so at their earliest convenience. We also wish to call our subscribers' attention to the red side of the duplex envelope. It reads: *This side for others.* This means Missions. We cannot expect to prosper in our own Church work if we do not do our best for the Church elsewhere. We do not ask for impossible things; but we do ask you to do your best.

There are many good things in store for the Girls' Club in the coming Fall. Whether our young men will be able to match our girls in accomplishments that are worth anything, is a question which the young men themselves may answer. It remains to be seen.

The Girls' Club has started our Light and Heat Fund by their contribution of $10; from a gentleman, $10. Total on hand, $20. In the Summer prepare for Winter.

We have in our Church Building Fund $502, and in the Rectory Fund, $113.10.

"And you still have hopes of influencing old Titewad to become a regular attendant at your Church?"

"Yes, and I am more sanguine than ever."

"You are?"

"Yes; if the Government really begins the coining of half-cent pieces I regard it as a cinch."

CHAPEL NEWS.

The month just past was full of remarkable events in the growth of the Chapel.

The following sweet letter, addressed to the minister, from Mr. Charles G. Barnes, Treasurer of the Chapel, a man of real Christian spirit, is a modest account of some of the events. It reads: "Should we not thank God and take courage in view of recent Chapel events? June 23, fourteen confirmed. Congregation of 150. June 28-29, Strawberry Festival, notwithstanding the storm—$40 profit at least. June 30, Memorial Service in memory of the late Rev. John Totty, 125 present.

"I only pray that the spirit of harmony and good-will may not be removed from among our people.

"CHARLES G. BARNES."

On June 23, third Sunday after Trinity, at the evening service, Bishop-Suffragan Thomas J. Garland, D.D., confirmed the following persons: Wm. James Abrams, Barbara Bauder, Mabel Schoell Brown, Frank Hinke, Jennie Eliza Hill, Emil Ernest Kercher, Walter Lodge Lee, Florence Schoell Oechsle, Joseph Oechsle, Anna Elizabeth Owens, William White, Walter Henry Williamson, Florence Emma Wulf, and Irma Gertrude Wulf.

The Strawberry Festival mentioned above was successful in spite of the stormy weather, through the faithful efforts and support of members and friends of the Chapel. The $40 raised will be used for the repairs badly needed inside the basement. Too much praise cannot be given Messrs. Pogson, Blatz, Seemueller, Kercher and other members of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class for the complete transformation, in appearance and usefulness, both of the outside and inside of the Chapel basement. These men have shown great mechanical skill in the work and have saved the Chapel an enormous expense, while the work is solid and honest. They intend to continue this splendid improvement.

On Sunday evening, June 30, a large congregation attended the service in memory of the late Rev. John Totty, who died in England, May 29. Mr. Totty was the first minister of the Chapel. Under his direction, about 26 years ago, the Chapel was built. The address was delivered by Mr. W. H. Sowden, an intimate friend of Mr. Totty, and one of the early workers in the Mission. The Mothers' Meeting, the earliest organization of the Chapel, decorated the chancel with white roses. The offering of the evening is to be set aside as the beginning of a fund for the erection of a suitable memorial for Mr. Totty at the Chapel. The service was most impressive.

On June 21 and 22, the mothers of the Kindergarten and their friends gave the most successful Block Party ever given for the benefit of the Kindergarten at the old Chapel. It was given just at the time when Miss Ethel A. Ott, the teacher, most beloved by all, was under operation for appendicitis at the Episcopal Hospital. We are glad to announce that she is rapidly recovering. She laid out the plan, and the faithful women of Venango carried it out most admirably. The net profit of the Block Party for the Kindergarten is $100.10. Mr. Harry Arndt served as Treasurer. This shows what the people in Venango can do for a thing they love. And they do usually love the right thing. The Kindergarten work has grown very dear to the hearts of the mothers in the neighborhood of the Chapel; and for very sufficient reasons, most obvious to all who know what a first-class Kindergarten does, not only for children, but for their parents. And while cheering the efforts of our Venango people we plead also with those who have helped us materially to carry on the work of the Kindergarten to continue by all means their past kindness.

Beginning with July 7 and until September 1, the services in the Chapel will be held Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock, instead of in the evening. The older members of the Sunday School will meet at 9.30 A. M., while the Primary Department, an attendance of about ninety children from 4 to 12 years of age, under Miss Katherine C. Coulter and her sister, will continue their sessions at 2.30 P. M. The services given by this devout woman to the work of the Church at the Chapel are above all praise.

We thank heartily Mrs. J. A. Fowler for her gift of the fine piano. It will be used in Sunday School sessions and in the social enjoyments of our people.

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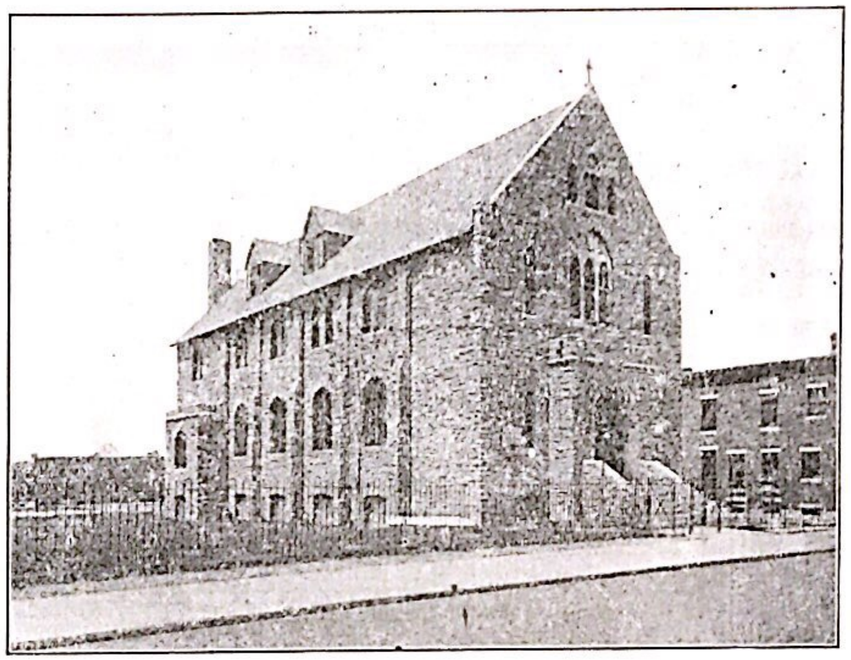
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BLOCK PARTY.

In this progressive age when people walk as if to catch the last ferryboat; and things come and go in succession like the figures displayed on an alternating electric sign, winkingly; and events tumble one after another like children on a sliding board, it is no wonder that there are people to-day who know not what a *block party* is. And yet it is a phenomenon, a social phenomenon, interwoven into the life of the people, and is therefore worthy of consideration.

A block party is a free gathering of people, in the open, within a marked space on the street, blocked up as it were, given to entertainment and refreshment, for the benefit of some object of benevolence or charity. Most block parties, or street carnivals, if we may call them, are gotten up, and managed by church societies for the benefit of their respective churches.

The usual equipment of a block party is a good supply of Japanese lanterns, strung on each side of the street, a string of electric lights is a great attraction; a big truck automobile, a hay wagon, a street piano, or, as it is called, hurdy-gurdy, and decorated tables filled with good things of the season, and out of season; and last, but not least, men and women competent and willing to bear the brunt of the battle. For a block party is a battle, if life is a battle, and a block party is life. In it is reflected the whole of human activities and human moods.

Every passion and every force of which men and women are capable in their social life is at play in a block party. What people are in other spheres of life they are also in a block party. As in life so in a block party, the great object is enjoyment. And it is in the pursuit of the enjoyment which the block party offers that each individual lays bare the traits of his character. If a man is keen of eye and observant, and if he is not hypnotized by the crowd, and if his heart beats in sympathy with the multitude, he will be greatly charmed by the infinite variety of color in human character displayed at a block party.

As in life, so in a block party, the work which is involved in the enjoyment of the many falls heavily on the few. But they are the faithful few. Things are never gotten without pay. And if we get more than we pay for, the difference is made up by others. Others pay for us. The few pay for the many. This law is fixed; and it emphasizes the fact that on earth we are mutually responsible for one another's action or inaction. In short, it proclaims the brotherhood of men. Debt must be paid, and if we do not pay it, others are made to pay for us. The injustice is not in the law; but in those who by their delinquency compel their brothers to make it up for them.

A block party, to be successful, therefore, must have the services of the faithful few; and blessed is the Church, or the community, who has

them. They are like the good father making up good-naturedly the deficits of the prodigal son. Like the salt of the earth, we could not be without them. And blessed are they who have the honor of being counted among the few faithful. For from whom much is required, to him much is given. There is a deep satisfaction in the feeling that we are needed. It is not really a question of goodness, but of usefulness. Some are so good that they are good for nothing. But the faithful few are the useful ones. Their reward is great; for the same law which requires value for value guarantees to them in return with much increase the value they have given. Hard is the work of the few in a block party; but when the task is over they have an everlasting fountain of joy in the good they have accomplished. Their work well done is a pleasant monument to look at, for it is an eloquent testimony to their nobility of character.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our annual Sunday School picnic on Thursday, July 25, to Washington Park on the Delaware was a unique success. Because of so many public excursions for other places grouped together, and other causes, our numbers were not so large as last year. But the success in other ways has been the greatest. The accommodations were excellent; and the 810 persons have enjoyed themselves immensely with the least expense and wear and tear. The management of the park has done everything to make us comfortable, and all the requirements for a Sunday School picnic were carried out with the utmost decorum and fidelity.

We must consider well that St. George's excursions are gotten up principally for the benefit of the children. So great was their joy and enthusiasm over this picnic that they would think of no other place; while the satisfaction of the parents with the choice of place this year is general. The Church also has profited financially more this year than at any excursion in the past.

The VISITOR has been highly felicitated by the receipt of a card, framed in pink, from Mr. and Mrs. William Philip Guckes, and thereto beautifully fastened with a pink ribbon a smaller card, likewise framed in pink, and bearing the name of William Lee Guckes, and the date July twenty-eighth, nineteen-twelve. Such news makes the Minister's heart glad. We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Guckes, and pray that William Lee, just arrived, may bring with him never-ceasing joy to his parents.

Good work in its process is like unto the growth of grass which is noiseless, unseen, and unheard, yet gives life and delight to multitudes. How many of us know the stream of beneficent influence which flows from the school garden secured by St. George's for the benefit of the neighborhood? We might compare it to a fountain of living water. Under the most efficient management of Mr. Nathan Feldman, assisted by Miss Clara L. Paul, both most enthu-

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
483, July 14, Walter Gordon Crawford
484, " 14, Ida Elizabeth Hill
485, " 14, Louise Oechsle

MARRIAGES

No.
82, July 10, Joseph Oechsle and Margaret Pollas

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No.
205, July 15, Regina Margaret Toomey
206, " 31, Andrew R. Golmitz
207, " 31, Margaret Hillock

siastic workers loving their work, the children of the neighborhood are taught and kept busy in the study and raising of a great variety of grain, vegetables and flowers.

During the school season there is a constant stream of children from the McClellan Public School to and from the arbor of the garden. Throughout vacation season Miss Rebecca Ball, a graduate of Bryn Mawr and post-graduate of Cornell College, is visiting the homes of the children, teaching them how to beautify their back yards with the plants which she brings to them from the school garden. But this is not all. When the work in the garden is done, and while the plants are growing, the children are kept busy in many other ways, and one of the ways is the reading circle in the arbor. One is charmed to see from 30 to 35 street boys, in their loafing attires, bare-footed, sitting around the arbor and listening in wrapped attention to Kipling's Just-So Stories, gotten from the library across the street, read aloud to them by Mr. Feldman, while Miss Paul is busying herself in the garden house directing the girls in the watering of the plants and answering all sorts of questions. And this continues with the boys and the girls alternately from 8 to 12 o'clock noon. There are games also for variety's sake. The following is a list of the books read to the boys and girls by Mr. Feldman and Miss Paul. We print it for the benefit of all our children at their homes: Just-So Stories, Kipling; Stories from Dickens, McSpadden; Mother Stories, Maud Lindsay; In Story Land, Elizabeth Harrison; In a Child's World, Emily Paulson; Fairy Tales, Grimm; Blue Fairy Book, Lang; Fairy Book, Miss Mulock; Æsop's Fables; New Wizard of Oz, Baum; Stories of Animal Life, Thompson; Arabian Nights Entertainments; Poems of Childhood, Eugene Field; Stories for Children, Bryant; Red Fairy Book, Lang; Yellow Fairy Book, Lang. The good which this work is doing cannot be told in words.

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As fall is approaching with its untold opportunities for everybody to do some good work for the Church, each according to his, or her, ability, there is one thing among others that we should lay seriously to heart and that is the improvement of our choir. We have a rare teacher-choirmaster and a good, faithful organist. We need volunteers to make up a choir worthy of our Church. Too much praise cannot be given to the faithful ones who, through all sorts of weather and times, were found in their places, always true to their calling. They will never regret this. It will always be to them a source of joy. We need more of this kind of young people. We trust we shall not be disappointed in our young people when fall comes.

During the month of August the Minister expects to be away, and his place at the Church services will be filled by Mr. Sladen. Those in need of a Minister will please apply to Mrs. Perry at the Parish House.

It is very important that the contributions of our members and friends toward the support of the Church be regular. Our weekly envelope system, faithfully kept up, is the easiest and most convenient way of giving to the Church. It is within reach of everybody. The duplex envelope which we use affords also the privilege of giving towards Missions. The red side of the envelope should be devoted exclusively to Missions. St. Paul says: "God loveth a cheerful giver." Our Lord Himself says: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." These are words of deep significance, and should appeal strongly to all those who love their Church.

There is nothing more beautiful and more helpful than men showing in action their loyalty to the Church. We have seen a sample of it at our Sunday School excursion. There is no need of mentioning names, or use words of praise. Their work speaks for itself, a splendid testimony to their loyalty. Oh, for a hundred of such men!

It has pleased God to govern this universe by laws, fixed rules and principles. It is the only way a universe can be governed. One of the laws is that help cannot be rendered without sacrifice. There is no help without sacrifice. Your effort to help will be of no effect if you do not stand ready to sacrifice. We only deceive ourselves when we pose as helpers without sacrifice. Help without sacrifice is like playing Hamlet with Hamlet left out. Great is the help which Christ has brought with Him when He came into this world; great also is His sacrifice. When we think of this we can readily see why our Lord ordained the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, and why He so positively commands us Christians to partake of the Lord's Supper. There are innumerable benefits procured unto by the same. Each one is more precious than the other. Holy Communion would be all sufficient to us if it taught no other lesson than this one, namely, there is no help without sacrifice. But its benefits are innumerable It is essential to a life worth living. It is life-giving to a Christian civilization. Blessed are those who put proper emphasis and value on the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We have in the Church Building Fund, $502; in the Rectory Fund, previously reported, $113.10; received from Benjamin Pogson, $1. Total on hand, $114.10.

We have in the Light and Heat Fund $20. Contributions are in order.

The Girls' Friendly Society held an admission service at the evening prayer of July 21, at which Miss Katherine McKinley was admitted a member of the Society.

On July 19 and 20 St. George's Guild gave its annual block party, and it was a great success. There was some very strenuous and hard work done. As usual, it fell on the few. But we all smile when the smoke is cleared away.

On July 30 the Guild of the Old Chapel was treated to a watermelon and cantaloupe feast by Mr. Benjamin Pogson. The meeting opened with a hymn and prayers. The feast followed a short business meeting.

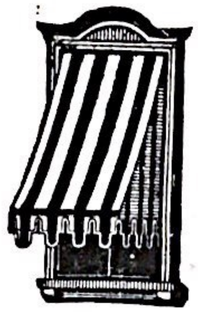
Mr. Atkins will be away through the month of August, and Mr. Belmont will have charge of the morning services in the Old Chapel during that month.

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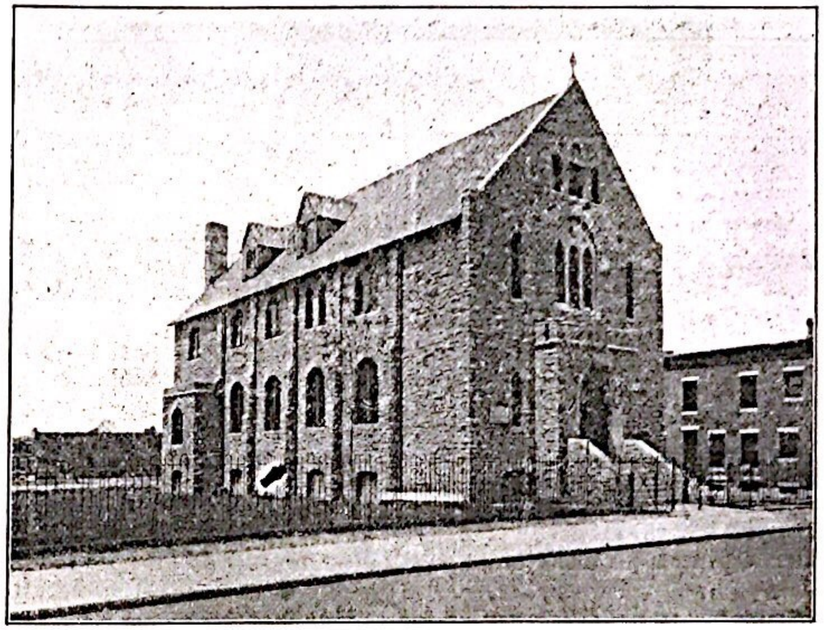
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DEAR READER.

If I have not visited you before, dear reader, I am glad to meet you now, for I have a message for you. It is a most important message, because it is fraught with interest which concerns yourself and those about you. In this, our life, there is no greater interest than that which concerns ourselves and our neighbors. For we and our neighbors are inseparable. For there is no good we can desire for ourselves in which our neighbor does not play a part. We cannot think of love, of joy, with no one else to share it. Robinson Crusoe could not be happy though he had the whole island to himself. And no one can be happy who, amidst his neighbors, attempts to live for himself only, neither loving nor being loved, though he may own the whole world. Happy is he who has some one to love and to care for. But the happiness of a man is in proportion to the number of those about him sharing his love. The larger the number of men and women who profit by his life the greater is his reward.

The commandment of our Lord to love our neighbors as ourselves which on its surface may seem visionary, to say the least, is in reality profoundly significant and of inestimable practical value to all men and women. It is only the statement of a principle in human life which alone can make our life what we wish it to be; and we all wish to be truly happy.

Now, dear reader, my message to you is that there is a band of men and women in St. George's, Indiana Avenue and Livingston Street, who, led by their minister, have made it their object of doing everything in their power, by the grace of God, to realize more and more that principle in the daily life of our people.

And with this message I also bring you the hearty invitation from the congregation to join them in this laudable effort. We ask not for gold and silver, and we wish to lay upon you no heavy burden. We ask you to give us your heart, your co-operation, your encouragement. This you can do if you approve of our enterprise. It is in reality a very simple thing. It is to make the Church what it should be to the people, and to teach the people the value of the Church. How can we value anything unless we know and understand it, and how can we know anything without close contact and honest relationship?

If this proposition looks fair to you, I would venture the following suggestions:

Acquaint yourself with St. George's Church. Meet the minister. Learn from him the object of his labors. Attend a Church service and listen to a sermon. Find out the nature of our societies and guilds and persuade your children to become members of them. There is a suitable place for boys and girls of all ages. There is also a Mothers' Meeting, a guild for married women, a club for men, and a Men's Bible Class. There is a choir also, with a teacher of very high standing. There is also a girls' club and a boys' Athletic Association. There are also Missionary Societies of all ages. There is hardly a member of your family who cannot find a circle of friends banded together for some helpful and profitable object. We have even a Babies' Branch, or Cradle Roll, to which your baby boy or girl can belong. If you are fond of teaching in the Sunday School, there is no other Church which can offer you better opportunities. The make-up of our Sunday School is not surpassed in quality anywhere.

Thus, dear reader, you can become familiar with the work and object of St. George's, which is to make real in our daily life, little by little, the simplest, the most wonderful, the most practical, teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I leave this message and invitation to your prayerful consideration, trusting that you will act thereupon following the inclination of that which is best within you; and, with best wishes, I beg to remain your friend,

THE VISITOR.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our service of the Holy Communion this month will be held on the second Sunday at 10.30 A. M. instead of the first Sunday in the month, as usual, owing to the absence of the minister. He expects to return for the second Sunday and hopes to join our whole congregation in the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the beginning of our next year's work.

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Bishop Rhinelander has kindly informed us that he expects to visit St. George's, Richmond, for confirmation in the morning, and St. George's, Venango, in the evening on the same day some Sunday in November. The exact date will be given in the next issue. This will be the first official visitation of Bishop Rhinelander to our Mission. We all naturally should try to make his visit to our Mission most pleasant to him and joyful to ourselves. There is one thing that will do both, namely, a large and substantial confirmation class. This is both possible and practicable. God has prospered us in the past, and He will continue to prosper St. George's in the future. But we must ask Him earnestly and constantly for the blessing we wish to enjoy. We would therefore suggest the following prayer to be offered up daily by all of our people, including the children, from this day to Confirmation Sunday:

Our Father, we beseech Thee that Thy Holy Spirit may dwell in the hearts of men and women, and guide them into the Church that it may grow in numbers and in grace, and be the better able to do Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. —Amen.

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There is much joy and delight in store for our Girls' Club this coming season. We would therefore suggest to the members to begin their preparation for the reopening of the Club. It should be in the form of a reunion. Look about for eligible candidates for membership and invite them to the meeting. Choose a date for this meeting and

inform all the members of the opening evening. There is something very good for you girls, if you be good enough to have it.

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And you, boys of the Athletic Association, should set the pace for activity this season. Are you ready? You have distinguished yourselves in the past year well, and you must do even better this season. Remember the things necessary to your success: Charity, Manliness, Business.

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Early in October all the Sunday Schools of the neighborhood will join in the annual parade. The officers and teachers of our Sunday School are urged to see that their classes are well informed in order that St. George's may have a good turn-out.

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We are in receipt of a picture postal card; on one side is the photograph of the "sailing yachts at the Inlet, Atlantic City," and on the other a sweet message: "We are having a fine time.—The Boys." This courtesy on the part of our choir boys is very much appreciated by him to whom it was addressed, and has made his own vacation more delightful to him. He hopes to find, on his return home, all the boys in good health and well prepared for the fall's work.

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Many men who have given pleasure to thousands and thereby have enriched their own lives in happiness are those who in their boyhood days sought to serve God in the church choir. It is a privilege which, if rightly appreciated and used, will do for our boys what it has done for others. We are exceptionally favored by a choir trainer of high reputation and skill. Nor is this true of boys only. We have young men and women who have God's gift of a good voice which can be made better in the service of the choir. When we give things to a loved one, do we not give them to be used? How much truer is this of the gifts which God bestows upon us. Surely, the Church is for a purpose. Music in the Church is for a purpose. Who shall use this music in our Church if not those to whom voices are given? To what better purpose can we use our voices than to sing the glory of God? Where is there sweeter music than Church music? It is truly the language of the soul. Our choirmaster will be glad to receive applicants. We should have an exceptionally fine choir for the edification of our Church.

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Let us remember that we have been placed on earth to build, and not to destroy. One of the noblest ways of building is to teach in the Sunday School. There you are helping to build character, the characters of future men and women. The constant growth of our Sunday School is demanding more teachers. Will you not heed this cry for help?

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"To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill;
O, may it all my powers engage
To do my Master's will."

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On August 7 the Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. James McGowan, president, and St. George's Guild, Mrs.

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George Bauers, president, had their annual combined picnic at Hunting Park. We regret the impossibility of being in two places at the same time, else the minister would have had the pleasure of enjoying the best picnic given. As it is now he must be content with the record of the event, looking forward to a similar picnic in the future.

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In the list of societies, which is only a partial list, we forgot to mention the Dramatic Club, a very important society which gives delight to the people and helps financially the Church besides; saying nothing of the social enjoyments of those belonging to the club. We would advise the members to come together and formulate their plans for the coming season.

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There will be a Teachers' Meeting after Sunday School the last Sunday in the month. All the teachers and officers of the departments are urged earnestly to be present.

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We have in the Church Building Fund, $502; in the Rectory Fund, $114.10.

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We have in the Light and Heat Fund, $20. Light and heat are most essential to our well-being. We trust therefore that our societies will unite in their efforts to contribute liberally to this fund, which so liberally contributes to their comfort and delight.

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Our friends who, though living at some distance from the work here, are in hearty sympathy with it, are cordially asked to keep in mind our store, which can only be in operation when it is stocked with the things they send us. If you have anything in your household that you can spare, please make it up in a box or bundle and address it to the minister at the Parish House. It is a great help as well as a source of income for the work.

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It was a wonderful gathering of men of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes at their summer home Sunday, August 25. The papers report 1,500 men present. What is the secret of this success? It is the giving of himself by A. J. Drexel-Biddle to the cause he loves.

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Doubtless we all love to see St. George's Church succeed. For it is the Church of all. We all own stock in it, and we cherish a secret pride in its steady growth. There is only one way by which we may continue its growth to the delight of all, and that is by each one of us doing a little for it; by giving a little of ourselves and of what we possess. Our system of weekly contributions by envelope makes the burden easy. Indeed, it is hardly a burden. When we compare our expenditures on other things with what we spend on the Church, aside of the necessities of life, we find how light and small it is. But we should not consider it a tax. We should regard the giving to the growth of the Church a privilege and a pleasure, considering the great benefits we as Christian people receive in return through the Church. We have on hand sets of envelopes which we would gladly give to applicants.

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"We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be:
For all we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee."

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On August 24-25 our Drexel-Biddle Bible Class gave a block party for the benefit of the Church. In the last issue of the VISITOR we described the nature of a block party. Those who read that description will know what an undertaking a block party is. Writing as we do this at a long distance from the scene of action we cannot at this time give the details, but we can safely say that it was a success, since it was undertaken by a loyal band of men who have the interest of the Church at heart. A lively sense of loyalty is the key to success.

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There are great things in store for St. George's. Our Bishops are very much pleased with what has been accomplished, and we are getting their hearty encouragement and substantial help. But success is chiefly due to the efforts of the people. Whether we shall ever get a Church building and a Rectory will depend on the loyal support of the work by the people. Our people have repeatedly shown their ability to do things. The sense of gratitude to God will doubtless kindle in them the sense of responsibility and duty which are the motive power to all good works.

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The Rev. Warren Yeakel will administer Holy Communion at the Old Chapel on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30 instead of 8 A. M., as usual. We always appreciate a visit from Mr. Yeakel and our people are always glad to hear him.

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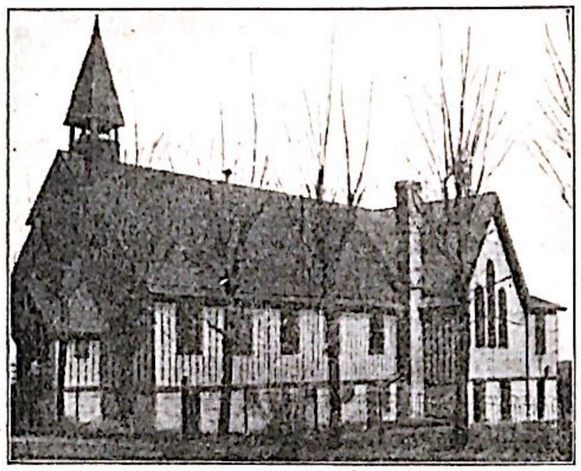
The kindergarten at the Old Chapel will open this month under the supervision of Miss Ethel A. Ott. The kindergarten is one of the precious things in the Mission. We sincerely trust that the help which we receive, and which enables us to extend its usefulness, will continue to come.

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Some time ago petition blanks were distributed through all the divisions of our ward and its nsighbors praying the city authorities to purchase a track of land somewhere between Ann and Cambria Streets. These blanks are to be signed by all of our citizens who approve of such an improvement in our neighborhood. The petitions are to be collected early in the fall, to be sent in to the proper persons. It is to be hoped that the persons being in charge of these blanks will make a special effort in getting all the signatures they can as soon as possible.

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It will please our people to know that we have received good news with regard to the erection of an up-to-date municipal bath-house in the place of the old summer bath-house now in use. The new one, when erected, will be useful all the year round. We hope such prospective improvements in our midst by the city authorities will kindle in the people both a sense of patriotism as well as a sense of right to the things which make for their welfare.



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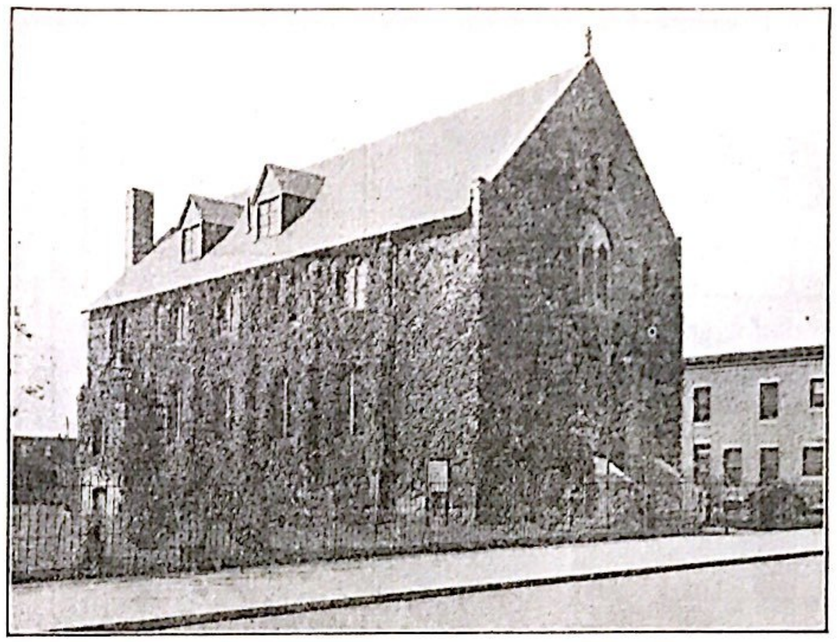
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THE VISITOR.

The VISITOR, dear Reader, comes to you in a new overcoat. He is not vain of his new dress, but it would please his secret pride if his new garment kindle in you the interest which would lead you to examine both its front and its back—the new picture of the Parish House in the front and the new picture of the Old Chapel in the back. And while you are examining the pictures, do not fail to read carefully the printed matter beneath each one of them.

Leaving all figures of speech, you are asked; you, dear Reader, who are interested in the growth of this Mission, who love to see the Church increase; you who doubtless have contributed to its advancement, or are about to do so, are asked to look at the size which St. George's has reached within the last few years. Turn to the Directory inside, and see the noble company of leaders—men, women, boys and girls; all banded together, in one family, in God's family, the Church, to do His work. The Psalmist says: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Surely if may be truly said that the Spirit of God has been with us, with all of us, who have been laboring, and the Spirit of God is with us who are now laboring, to bring us day by day a little nearer to the things for which our Saviour lived, and suffered, and died on the Cross, and rose again on the third day. This is the one and great purpose of us all. It is the purpose for which we, too, are trying to live, and if need be, to suffer, that we might rise again with Him. And what is this purpose for which our Lord was willing to suffer and die; what is this purpose to which our souls are drawn, and for which our bodies are willing to carry burdens? It is to soften the path of life for those who find it hard. It is to make right living easier for men, women and children. It is to spread light in darkness; to cheer the fainting heart; to take away the things over which children might stumble in their innocent play, and young people might fall in blind adventure. To bind up the broken heart. To bring comfort to the sorrowful, and help the stricken down. To soften human harshness, and tread down selfishness under our feet. To foster love instead of hate; forgiveness, instead of resentment; sympathy, instead of cruel criticism; to eschew evil and do good. This is the purpose of St. George's; and this is the purpose of all who are members and friends of St. George's; for it is the purpose of the Christian Church, and we are the Church.

The VISITOR comes to you in new dress and somewhat larger in size, for he is still growing, kindly inviting you to join our company, and to add your co-operation, your influence, your assistance, and your prayers towards the furtherance of our common purpose.

TO ARMS!

This is a call to men, the men of this neighborhood; men with red blood in their veins, with stout hearts, with a quick conscience, with a lively sense of right, with a high appreciation of sound principles, with a fine chivalry in their make-up; in a word, American men; to you men we send this call "TO ARMS!' There is war abroad! The battle is raging; the battle of life and for life is on. Recruits are in demand, and, therefore, we cry TO ARMS! Be not dismayed. It is not a war in which men are killed, but a battle in which men, women and children are saved. But it is a battle just the same, and you are called upon to take up arms. They are new weapons, the most modern weapons for the most modern warfare. "Our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in high places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with TRUTH, and having put on the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the GOSPEL of peace; withal taking up the shield of FAITH, and take the helmet of SALVATION, and the sword of the SPIRIT which is the word of God, PRAYING at all seasons in the Spirit." These are arms becoming any man, and which any man can wield. St. George's is a splendid recruiting station. You will receive these arms freely, and you will get the proper instructions to use them effectually. Come, join our band of Christian soldiers, marching on to war, with the *Cross of Jesus* going on before!

If you, dear Reader, think that these words are only figures of speech, scratch them and you will see blood in every line. Sin is playing havoc with our people. It makes our men, women and children thoughtless, it makes them hard, it is killing in them the sense of responsibility, it makes duty meaningless to them. Its destruction of happiness, and, therefore, its destruction of life is appalling. Truly there is war in the gates. Are you man enough to come "to the help of the Lord?" May we say, in the words of that great woman in the Bible: "For that the leaders took the lead in Israel; For that the people offered themselves willing; Bless ye the Lord."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On November 17, Sunday morning, at 10.30 o'clock, Bishop Rhinelander will visit this Church and administer the rite of Confirmation. The rite of Confirmation has been practiced throughout the Church from the days of the Apostles. Peter and John confirmed in Samaria after Philip baptized the people of that city (Acts 8:14-17). St. Paul confirmed a company of men in Ephesus after he baptized them (Acts 19:1-7). In both cases is given the form of Confirmation, namely, the laying on of hands. That this was universally practiced in the very early Church,

long before the formation of what is now known as the *Roman* Catholic Church, is shown in the Epistle to the Hebrews (6:1, 2), where the laying on of hands is spoken of as a well-established custom in the Church Catholic, which means Church Universal. Our Church continues this usage because we wish to be as nearly like the early Church as possible. The Apostles who were close to our Lord knew His will, and must have done whatsoever they thought He approved. This is the reason why we have Confirmation. Besides, we find that in practice it is a great help, both in keeping us from sin and urging us on to good works. In coming to Confirmation the Church does not require of you to give up anything except the things which are evil. If you believe in the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments, and if you accept the two Sacraments of our Lord, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, you are welcome to Confirmation. We have no special instructions to give except to make clear the importance of these fundamental requirements. Members of Denominations become closer members of the Church Universal when they are confirmed. They do not change or turn. There is something given them which they lack, they lack the time-honored custom of the Church, the rite of the Laying on of Hands. It is essentially scriptural.

This prayer is recommended to all who wish the Church well. It should be used in our devotions:

"Our Father, we beseech Thee that Thy Holy Spirit may dwell in the hearts of men and women and guide them into the Church that it may grow in numbers and in grace, and be better able to do Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen."

The Men's Club will give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church Saturday evening, November 2, "A Night in the Orient," by the Drexel-Biddle Minstrels, well known for their talents and entertaining qualities. The program contains also an address by Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle.

The Club meets every Thursday evening, and is glad to welcome new members.

On Thursday evening, November 21, the Rev. W. H. Gotwald, D.D., LL.D., will be the special speaker. He is the field secretary of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League. He is a speaker of fame. All men and boys of the neighborhood are cordially invited to this meeting.

The week which connects the last days of October and the first days of November, known as Hallowe'en week, has kept our basement filled with merriment and uncanniness. Indeed, the VISITOR has himself heard a whole troop of hobgoblins behind the chimney whispering mischief, and could almost see them making all sorts of ghostly faces at him. He even thought he felt a ghostly pulling at his coat-tail which made him jump. And now when he walks through the basement he has to make an awful effort not to be afraid. And no wonder. These hobgoblins have been attracted by the many Hallowe'en parties given lately in the basement. On Monday evening, October 28, the Girls' Club had theirs; and when the VISITOR came too late for the party, and when all had gone, and he turned on the light, he found a big hobgoblin sitting in Turkish fashion on top of the cider keg, grinning at the VISITOR a Billikin face because the keg was empty.

The following evening the Junior Auxiliary had their Hallowe'en party, and on Thursday St. George's Guild had their Hallowe'en party, and the following Thursday the Boys' Hardworking Club will have theirs. By that time the hobgoblins will be so thick that it will not be safe to enter the basement without stepping on some hobgoblin's long and twisted toes.

Our members and friends are requested to read the rubric on page 281 of our Prayer Book in regard to notifying the Minister in case of sickness. Phone, Kensington 5499 or 1893 A.

Mrs. Perry will be at home, 2518 E. Indiana avenue, on Saturday, November 23, from 2 to 5 P. M. She will be glad to see the people of the Parish who wish to pay her a social visit at that time.

The Mothers will give a Koffee Klatch for the benefit of the Church Friday evening, November 15, at 8 o'clock. Save this date for the Mothers. Tickets, 10 cents. Refreshments included.

We cannot impress too strongly upon our people and our friends the need of immediate preparations for the coming of our Annual Fair, December 12, 13 and 14. Our success in the work of a fair always depended on the liberality and kindness of our friends and the faithful work of our members. We do look to them for help this time also. Please remember the Fair, December 12, 13, 14.

Equally important is the Christmas Festival for our Sunday School. Our teachers and officers should consult as to what cantata should be used, and begin to drill the children.

It is a pleasure to see our Free Library across the street grow. For the last two years ending August 31 the circulation increased 20,000, growing at the rate of 10,000 a year. The last two months, September and October, show still another increase of 1,000. The total circulation is over 60,000.

Hon. James Clarency will deliver two lectures on "Russia" with lantern illustrations in the Free Library, Indiana avenue and Almond street, Richmond: (1) St. Petersburg, Friday evening, November 8; (2) Moscow, Friday evening, November 15.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese have issued The Church Missionary Calendar for 1913, which is sold at 25 cents a copy, and 20 cents a copy in a lot of 100. It is very highly recommended by the Bishop of the Diocese. This Calendar, day by day, tells of what is going on in Mission fields. Orders for copies will be appreciated.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
492, Oct. 13, Amelia Masters Boyer
493, " 13, Myrtle Olive Brown Barth
494, " 20, Elsie May Wurst

MARRIAGES

No.
84, Oct. 16, { William Armstrong and Caroline Emma Jarvis

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
211, Oct. 25, Mary Schoell

The Committee on Apportionment must have seen the motto of the Progressive Party: "Pass Prosperity Around." For they have raised our share for Missions from $150, for both of our Missions, to $210.33 for St. George's, Richmond, and $31.12 for St. George's, Venango, making a total which we have to raise for Missions by September, 1913, of $241.45. This we can easily raise if every member and friend of St. George's will be diligent in their weekly contributions, not neglecting the red envolope. We have on hand just 20 sets of envelopes which we may distribute among new subscribers. It is important, both for the Church and the people, that the people support the Church. This appeal is urgent, and we trust it will not come back empty.

We have in the Church Building Fund $502; in the Rectory Fund, last reported, $114.10; received from Benj. Pogson, $1; total on hand, $115.10.

In the Light and Heat Fund last reported, $20; received from J. C. Buck, $5; the Men's Club, $5.15; total on hand, $30.15.

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Hearty thanks are extended to Messrs. S. J. Nicholson, Joseph Proffered, Berg Brothers, and the U. G. I. Co. for the loan of their teams in our Sunday School parade, and to Messrs. Kerr, Robinson, Moyle and Pogson for their skillful driving. It was a great day for the Chapel children.

The Sunday School offering on Rally Day, October 6, exceeded the amount of $6. This is a tribute of loyalty and love both to the children and their devoted teacher, Miss Katherine C. Coulter, and her assistants.

The Chapel is indebted to Miss Jane Lewis, of the Diocesan Library, and member of the Church of the Incarnation, for the gift of a handsome dossal.

Mr. and Mrs. Kercher, assisted by several ladies, acted as host and hostess to the men who were responsible for the excellent work done in the basement during the past summer, at their home on Richmond street, Thursday evening, October 3. A fine supper was served by the ladies present.

At the "home coming" service Sunday evening, October 27, there was a goodly congregation of about a hundred people; some of the old members coming from distances. The offering will be devoted to the Totty Memorial Fund.

On Sunday evening, November 3, a special service will be held in the Chapel for the children of the Sunday School. At this service medals will be awarded as badges of honor for faithfulness in attendance. One scholar is to receive a gold medal, not having missed a Sunday. Ten will receive silver medals, having missed only five Sundays in the year, and about twenty-five will receive honorable mention in the VISITOR for not being absent more than fifteen times in the year. The parents of the children are most cordially invited to be present at this Commencement Service.

The attendance in the Kindergarten has reached the number of forty-five. Friends of children, children with no means of their own, will you, their friends, make it possible, with your contributions, for us to care for these little ones as they keep coming? Their teacher, Miss Ethel A. Ott, is a master of her art: but forty-five children are many for one person. It is hard to turn away children when you think of our Lord's words: Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. Do send us some help.

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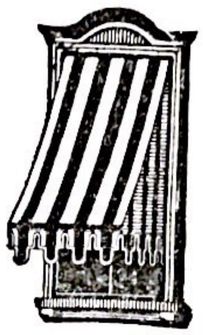
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Our dear Miss Coulter, the principal of the Sunday School, finding it difficult to come out on Tuesday evenings, Miss Ott, of the Kindergarten, has offered her services as Secretary of the Girls' Friendly Society in the Chapel. This society meets in the basement every Tuesday evening at 7.30.



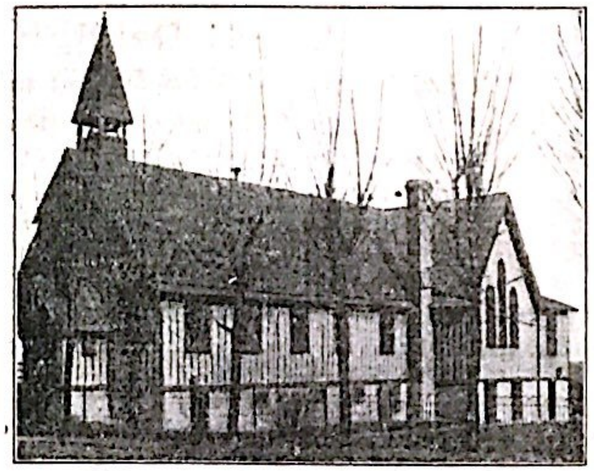
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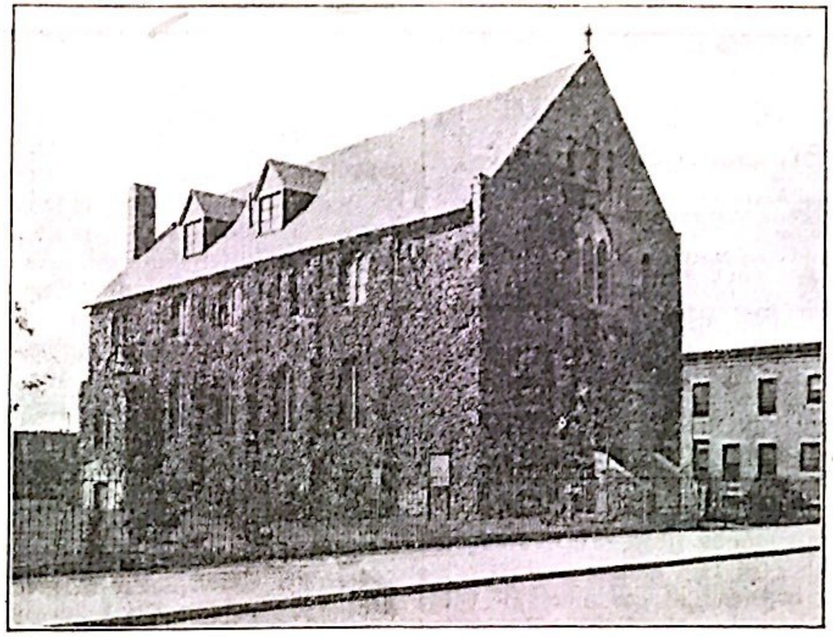
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ADVENT.

Our Saviour assured His disciples before He suffered on the Cross that He would not leave them comfortless; that He would be present among those who gathered together in His name; that if we were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and observed whatsoever He commanded us, He would always be with us, even unto the end of the world. He said He would come again. And we believe it, because He said so. We might have reason to doubt the words of another person; but we cannot doubt the earnest assurance of our Lord. And therefore we say with confidence in the words of the Creed, proclaiming our faith to the world, "He shall come to judge the quick and the dead," or "He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end."

This Article of Faith, faith in the COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ, is undoubtedly a most telling power unto salvation: that is to say, it is a great saving power. It saves people from discouragement and despair. It saves them from being overwhelmed either because of their own weaknesses, or because of the misunderstanding and misjudgings of others. We are all willing to have the merciful judgment of Him who knows our hearts. Since we must be judged, for we cannot help be judged; for judgment follows action as the consequence follows the deed. As long as we act we are judged. Our own conscience is our judge. Since then judgement is inevitable, we would rather be judged by our merciful Saviour. And having Him for our Judge, we take courage. Hope fills our hearts. And we rise again with Him. Is not this the reason for the COMING of Christ?

He has come; He is coming; He will come. This is the message of ADVENT. It is the hope of the world. His coming on Christmas morning 1,900 years ago insures His coming in the present, and fills us with aspiration for the future. His presence with us in the Sacraments, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, His presence with us in our public and private devotions, at home and in the Church; His presence with us in teaching the young in the Sunday School; His presence with us in the honest study of the Bible; His presence with us in our earnest effort to serve our neighbors; His presence with us *now* insures for us His presence with us in the future. Thus the Christian has the door of saving grace always open to him. He cannot fail if he believes in the COMING of our Lord, which is the special message of ADVENT.

Our Lord came to tell us that He would come. He thereby revealed to us the meaning of future. He taught us the value of future. In the future the believer sees the Kingdom of Heaven. There is no failure for those who look to the future. From the future, not from the past, do we get our highest ideals, and are spurred on to noblest deeds. This is the reason why we have ADVENT. It is another word for Faith and Hope which has in it hid also the greatest of these, LOVE.

And now, dear reader, permit me to quote to you the Collect for Advent, and see if this brief prayer does not contain in itself all that has just been said, as well as all that still might be said. Learn it by heart, and it will be to your soul a tower of strength.

"Almighty God, give me grace that I may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon me the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, I may rise to life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever." *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas stands for the most joyful event in the history of mankind. The birth of our Lord was fraught with so much joy that even heaven could not contain it, and it burst forth in music upon the earth, and men for the first time heard angels sing. This is most natural It is the height of naturalness, or supernaturalness, as some would call it. We who feel the effects of this event; we who know what this event has done in the regeneration of the world, do not look at the experience of the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem, or of the three Wise Men, as miraculous. At the birth of a Saviour of mankind it is quite natural that men should see the glories of heaven, and hear the angels sing.

When we learn by heart the following Collect for Christmas Day, we then begin to see how natural these so-called miracles are:

"Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same spirit ever, one God, world without end." *Amen.*

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

1. First Sunday in Advent.
8. Second Sunday in Advent.
15. Third Sunday in Advent.
21. Saturday, St. Thomas the Apostle.
22. Fourth Sunday in Advent.
25. Christmas Day.
26. St. Stephen's Day.
27. St. John the Evangelist's Day.
28. The Innocents' Day.
29. First Sunday after Christmas.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Sunday morning, November 17, Bishop Rhinelander visited this Mission and confirmed thirty persons, as follows: Bertha Schlegel, Jennie Chaudrue, Margaret Elizabeth Yeager, William Laney, Wilhelmina C. Robinson, Anna Wit-

temberger, Charlotte L. Millington, Eva A. Cummings, Lucy Ralston, Anna McCoach, Louisa Swift, Gertrude Vanderslice, Anna Arndt, Reese G. Scull, Margaret Boyle, William Kenney, Norman Class, Elizabeth Birney, Alice Jones, Sarah Jones, Adolph Faulkner, Walter Faulkner, William McKinley Seifert, Elmer Seifert, Matilda Wilson, Samuel L. Lake, William Swift, Charles Frederickson, Florence M. Frugoli, Nancy Matthews.

In the evening the Bishop confirmed seven more in the Old Chapel. Their names appear on another page. The Bishop also visited both Sunday Schools, in each of which he addressed both the main and primary departments. It was a great day for St. George's, made especially memorable to our people by the good tidings which the Bishop brought to them, namely, the coming of a new church building in the near future.

A church building is what we need. We worship now in the parish house. We should like to have a separate building for worship side by side with our parish house. The growing work in the parish house demands it.

We are fortunate, indeed that our Diocesan Board of Missions has looked with favor upon St. George's in promising it the gift of a new Church. Our people indeed fully realize what this means to them. It means a new opportunity of serving God and His children. It means renewed efforts of loyalty, devotion, self-denial, good works, and giving of self. It also means new joys, new comforts, a higher position in the world, and coming nearer to Him for whose sake this Church is to be built. We must not, we cannot, accept this magnificent gift without strenuous effort to deserve it. Nor can we ever expect to enjoy this gift without putting forth efforts of our own to justify it. We therefore appeal to all our people to do what they can in giving towards the support of the Church, and begin now. Every member of the Church should take out a set of weekly envelopes, and make his or her contribution regularly, according to his or her ability. It is a Church burden which is very light, indeed, when cheerfully carried. And when the contributions are made weekly the burden is hardly felt. And yet it is this light burden of everyone cheerfully carried that helps to maintain the life and dignity of a Parish Church. The minister will gladly co-operate with all who are desirious of helping in the support of the Church in one form or another.

The tea given by Mrs. Perry to the women of our Parish Saturday, November 23, at 2518 Indiana avenue, proved a great success. We are all greatly indebted to Mrs. Robert S. Bright, the teacher of the Women's Bible Class, who came to help serve the tea. This success has led Mrs. Perry to make the tea a permanent function once a month. The next tea will be announced in the January issue of THE VISITOR. This announcement will take the place of individual invitations. No special invitations will be issued. The invitation is extended to all the women of the Parish, members and friends, who love St. George's and have its welfare at heart. It is extended to all who are willing to come. And we trust all will be willing to come.

Our Annual Fair will take place December 12, 13, 14. It is a tremendous undertaking; but our people have always been equal to the occasion. We have the workers; but we have not sufficient things to work on. We appeal, therefore, to our friends who may have the things necessary to make a church fair successful.

Our Quarterly Parish Guild Meeting comes on Tuesday evening, December 3. It is of utmost importance that all our members and friends attend this function, especially the officers and members of the various guilds and societies. The officers should, if possible, be present themselves to read their reports.

We have a Women's Bible Class not surpassed anywhere in the quality of teaching and the make-up of the class. Mrs. Robert S. Bright, of Germantown, is the teacher. Our women, we trust, will appreciate the opportunity offered them in the study of the Bible and the Prayer Book. You are very welcome. The class meets every Sunday at 3 p. m.

The men of the Parish will give a sauer kraut supper Thursday, December 5, in the basement of the Parish House. Everybody is coming to see what sort of a sauer kraut supper men can give. We all expect something very good.

Our Diocese has just started a Diocesan paper called "The Church News of the Diocese of Pennsylvania," at one dollar a year. This paper will give all the interesting news of the doings of our Church in this Diocese. It will be a most valuable paper for the home. Who of our boys and girls will act as agents to secure subscriptions for this paper?

Our Athletic Association is most fortunate, indeed, in having Mr. Edward Rankin, a graduate of Brown University, as their coacher, teacher and friend. Our young men really may justly rejoice in his athletic coaching and teaching in sports, but above all may they be glad in his friendship. Oh, for more of such real, cultured men.

No less fortunate are our younger boys, of the Boys' Hard-working Club, who have for their leader and teacher a fine young student of the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Samuel C. Witherspoon, who gives his precious time to the boys on Tuesday evening. We have no doubt that the parents of these boys will appreciate this companionship for their boys, and see that they attend the meetings regularly.

The Girls' Club is planning big for this coming year under efficient direction, thanks to Miss Laura N. Platt and Miss Alice I. Brown. A very good and bright young lady, Miss Elizabeth Woodring, has kindly taken it upon herself to help regularly in the execution of the plans. If this kind of personal

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
495, Nov. 10, James Joseph Shrode
496, " 10, David Harrison
497, " 10, Frederick Harrison
498, " 13 Margaret Elizabeth Yeager
499, " 24, Myrtle Whitaker Maharg

MARRIAGES

No.
85, Nov. 6, { Charles D. Rosenberger / Agnes M Lawson
86, Nov. 13, { John A. Griess / Mamie White
87, Nov. 18, { Frederick E. Becker / Charlotte Boyle
88, Nov. 20, { William Gilmour / Eva A. Cunnings

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
212, Nov. 10, Joseph A. Johnson
213, " 28, Oliver F. Levering

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service continues and grows, then will all of the machinery of so-called social service be justified.

There is a surprise in store for our people in the way of improvement in the looks of the Parish House at night. We owe this Christmas gift to a kind friend of St. George's. To another kind friend we owe the fitting-up of our choir boys and men with excellent vestments, the arrival of which we expect in a few weeks.

We have received some barrels and boxes of clothing and other household articles for the sale in our Mission Store. We need more.

We have in the Church Building Fund $502, and in the Rectory Fund $115.10.

In the Light and Heat Fund we have $30.15. This is a fund which needs to grow immediately, because the winter is at hand, and the days are short and the evenings long. All this goes to show how necessary it is for each to do a little in order to meet the expenses of the Church.

If the old saying that one good turn deserves another, be true, we shall not be out of place if we suggest to our readers to patronize our advertisers, everything else being equal.

Thanksgiving Service was held at 10.30 a. m., with a goodly congregation present. The collections were devoted to the Episcopal Hospital. There is no institution more helpful to the people in physical ailment and distress than is the Episcopal Hospital. It is the Good Samaritan to the maimed and wounded and the suffering of our people, and we who are fortunate enough to live without accident or

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"You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

The only way to prevent what's passed is to put a stop to it before it happens.—Kipling.

"A good workman gains skill by his mistakes."

ST. GEORGE'S (VENANGO) NEWS.

On Sunday evening, November 3, the Annual Sunday School Service was held. It is a service at which faithfulness and loyalty to the Sunday School during the year are recognized publicly by some token of appreciation. The faithful corps of teachers, including the principal, Miss Katharine C. Coulter, Messrs. Arndt, Pogson and Kercher, were presented with handsome Oxford Bibles. The scholars were rewarded as follows: Josephine Kercher received a gold medal for perfect record. For not being absent from Sunday School more than five times in the year, silver medals were awarded to Sadie Hanson, Emil Kercher, Edna Reed, Sadie Seemueller, William White, Charles Bauder, Louis Kershaw, Felix Bauder, Jennie Hewitt and Mary Hanson. The medals were prettily engraved with the Chapel upon the one side and the year and the Lord's Prayer on the other side. The following received Honorable Mention, having missed not more than fifteen times throughout the year: Katherine Abrams, Lillian Abrams, Georgiana Abrams, Ella Arndt, Elwood Arndt, Julia Owens, Pearl McGovern, Tillie McGovern, Josephine Hanson, Gladys Merriam, Gertrude Merriam, Joseph Hepp, Francis Hepp, Frank Seemueller, Ida Seemueller, Wilbur Seemueller, Albert Oechsle, Edward Oechsle, John Hinke, Louisa Bauman, John Bauman, Katherine Bauman, Ida May Sylvester, Mamie Ferguson, Abraham Ferguson, Thomas Malone, David Malone, Nelson Pogson, John Gosner, Margaret Miller, Walter Miller, Christian White, William White, John White, Marie White, Agnes Alexander, Clarence Alexander, Bertha Kercher, Frederick Kercher, Bernhard Kercher, Irene Carr, Myrtle Thiel, Frances Thiel, Charles Wolfe, Jacob McDevitt, Walter McDevitt, Edward McDevitt, Herbert Kershaw, Clara Bauder, Mary Seifert, William Abrams, Mary Carr, Frank Hinke, Margaret Henderson, Jennie Hill, Florence Wolfe, Irma Wolfe. All of these hope to receive the medal at the close of this year's sessions.

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The Hallowe'en party on Thursday evening, October 31, was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. Music was furnished by Mrs. Owens and Mr. Paul Wolfe and son during the evening. The first prizes were awarded to Miss Edna Reed and Mr. Charles L. Blatz, as a fireman. Other prizes were awarded by the judges to Miss Margaret Bieber, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Herz, William Seemueller, Carrie Brenner, Daniel Cahill, Sigmund Kajouhouski, Katie Brown, Charles Donoghue, Katherine Develine and Charles and Marie Weldon. A group photograph was taken during the evening of those in costume, and supper was served to all by the ladies in charge: Mesdames Hill, Oechsle, Kercher, Hanson, Reed, Owens and others.

The girls are showing keen interest in the work of the Girls' Friendly Society which meets every Tuesday evening with Miss Ott.

Bishop Rhinelander visited the Chapel on Sunday, November 17. In the afternoon he addressed both departments of the Sunday School, and in the evening he administered the rite of confirmation to the following: Christian White, Anna Gossner, Joseph Bieber, Leona Barth, May Hanson, Walter Miller and Mrs. Anna Gosner. The subject of the Bishop's sermon was "The Laying on of Hands."

The young men of the Chapel, lead by Messrs. Joseph Oechsle and Walter Schoell, recently secured funds enough to provide new window shades throughout the building.

Miss Coulter is drilling her Sunday School children for a Christmas Cantata which has always been the delight of the season, and largely attended by the people. The date of this Cantata will be announced later.

Thanksgiving service was held in the Chapel at 10.30 A. M. The collection was devoted towards the support of the Episcopal Hospital. In the absence of Mr. Barnes Miss Elizabeth Buckley acted as organist.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

On Thursday evening, November 21, Miss Ott gave a Kaffee Klatch for the benefit of the Kindergarten. It is one of the best, sweetest and most wholesome social service work done in the realm of Church activity. It is a class of over 50 little ones whose life, or the best part of it, is in the daily Kindergarten. It is taxed to its utmost capacity. This Kindergarten lives and prospers by reason of the generous support of kind friends. Yet the changes and chances of this mortal life often render this source of support uncertain. But the work must go on. The Missionary, therefore, who is kept continually anxious, and goaded on by necessity, must again and again make known the needs to those who are able to supply them. This faith has enabled him to keep in healthy life the Kindergarten for nearly seven years. He still trusts that he may continue to do so. Contributions may be sent either to the Minister in charge of St. George's, or to Mr. Henry W. Marston, 632 Land Title Building, treasurer of the Kindergarten.



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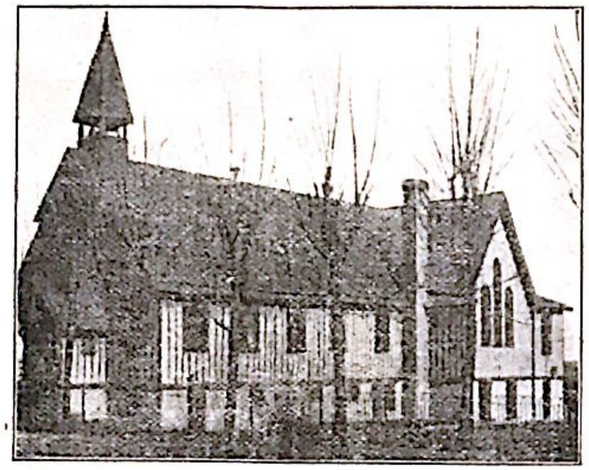
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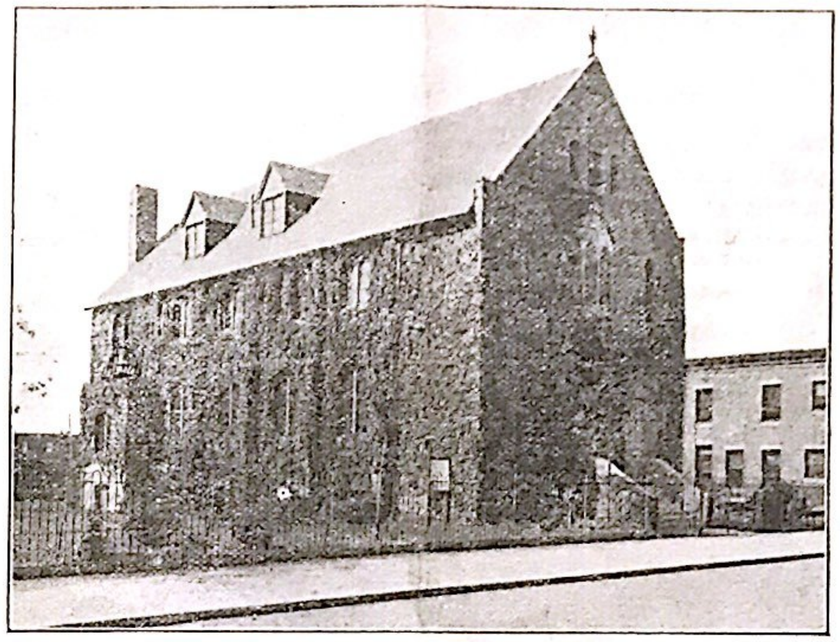
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Riding one morning on a street car the Visitor was admiring a beautiful New Year's greeting card which he had received that morning from a dear friend. "Happy New Year," he murmured as he lost himself in meditation. "Everywhere this pharse meets my eyes, and it is ringing in my ears. The same thing everywhere and to all, to all alike." Then he looked up on the crowd which filled the big car, and observed also the men and women who whisked by in their automobiles, and wondered if this uniform greeting, "Happy New Year!" given to all alike contains a like value for all.

Like a package the gift comes uniformly labeled, "Happy New Year!" and doubtless it contains the same thing for every one of us. It is supposed to contain happiness; but will we all find happiness in it? Does the New Year, which comes to every one of us alike, bring to all of us the same degree of happiness; or has it any happiness at all? Does this gift of a New Year which comes from our Maker carry with it its own value, or does it get its value from the receiver? Is it only, as it were, a precious casket in which we are to treasure up the best jewels of our year's achievements, as time goes on, and find our happiness therefrom? Is it a beautiful booklet with clean white pages in which we are to write our daily deeds, and at the end get our happiness therefrom? Is it an instrument which is valuable to us only as we use it? Does our use of it determine the amount of profit or happiness we derive from it?

As the Visitor was so meditating he was suddenly interrupted by an animated conversation of two young men sitting in front of him. He learned from their talk that they were old friends, and had just met after a separation of five years. "Do you remember the last Christmas present we all received from Mr. Barnes, our Sunday School teacher, five years ago?" said one of the young men to the other; "it was a book, as you remember, on electricity; and I got so interested in it, and liked it so much that I determined to make it my life's study and occupation. I have derived a great deal of happiness from my studies, in spite of the many hardships, for you know my parents are not rich. And now I am employed in a large business house in Pittsburgh at a salary of $25 a week with good prospects for promotion. That little booklet therefore to me is very precious, it has given me much happiness and has led me into a useful and profitable life. And, by the way, how are you getting along?" He turned half anxiously to his friend. "I am working in the mill at $7 a week. Sometimes I make $8. But sometimes we work half-time, then there is the slack time, and we are laid off. You see, John, I did not appreciate the little book. I thought then that it was a funny Christmas present to give, and I stuck it behind our Bible on the shelf, and never saw it since. It must be lying there yet, for the Bible is never used in our house." Just then the Visitor had to change cars, much to his regret. But he was glad to have heard a testimony to his own conviction, namely, that a New Year is full of happiness to all alike, but that each one of us must use it properly in order to get the good of it. In other words, a New Year is worth only as much as we try to put in it ourselves and the quality of ourselves we put in. We are exactly in the position of the two young men just mentinoed. We may make the New Year precious and a source of joy and happiness to ourselves and others by grasping the opportunities for good it offers us; or we may not appreciate them, and make the New Year utterly worthless by shirking it.

On boarding the next car the Visitor tried to break the monotony of a long ride by reading, and opening a magazine which he usually carries in his coat pocket, his eyes fell on the following funny story, entitled "The Winner":

"Jennie and Viola, both five years of age, had been mentioning their numerous possessions and mildly boasting about them. 'I've got the most clothes,' said little Jennie. 'Yes, but I've got the most dolls,' replied Viola. 'Well, I've got more brothers than you,' answered Jennie. Viola seemed done up for a minute, but for a minute only; then she came out with: 'Well, I've got the biggest feet,' in a proud tone that appeared to settle the matter. And it did, so far as Jennie was concerned, for she replied sadly: 'Yes, I guess you have,' and nothing would console her."

The Visitor was naturally amused with the way the two little barbarians sought to derive happiness from life. He wondered if the victorious little Viola felt altogether satisfied with her big feet. And of course Jennie was in misery because she could not match them.

And as he mused the Visitor fell gradually into a more serious mood. "Why, this is the way the old nations sought to be happy, and failed. This was the way the Greek nation sought to be happy, and failed. This was the way the Romans in their height of glory sought to be happy, and failed. They knew not Christ. They knew not the joy of giving. They knew not Love. And this is the way big people of our own time, untouched yet with the Christ spirit, are trying to derive happiness from this brief life. Are they happy? Perhaps they are, if we can conceive that Viola was happy with her big feet. She tried her best to make herself believe she was happy. Surely the people who read in the newspapers the selfish prodigality of those who are able to be prodigal are not happy over it. Jennie is miserable. Is Viola altogether happy? Some day Jennie and Viola will grow up, and catch in Sunday School, or in Church, the real value of a truly Christian life, a life of giving, and a life of service; making the summary of the law their rule and guide in life, then will they pass from barbarism unto a life of civil-

ization. Then will they draw happiness from the real fount of joy: one finding her own happiness in the happiness of the other. Each New Year brings us this opportunity. As we regard it so will the result be.

THE CELENDAR.

1. (Wednesday) The Circumcision of Christ.
5. Second Sunday after Christmas.
6. (Monday) The Epiphany.
12. First Sunday after the Epiphany.
19. Septuagesima Sunday.
25. (Sautrday) The Conversion of St. Paul.
26. Sexagesima Sunday.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Those who attended the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class concert, December 20, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, organized by Mr. Biddle for the benefit of the Bible Class Movement, or for "Religious Work," as the program read, have carried away with them a memory never to be forgotten. Mr. Biddle was, as he continues to be, the happiest man in the whole crowd; for he gave most. His joy no man can take from him. If some doubt this, they should have been at 1917 Mt. Vernon street, the Bible Class winter home, on Christmas afternoon, and should have seen him greet his friends, every one of whom carried home an indisputable evidence of his love and regard for them. Oh, for more men like him!

Our Christmas Cantata Saturday evening, December 28, in the basement of the Parish House, was a grand success. Our own children did it. And many of our people were given much joy through their efforts. Of course we are all indebted to those who had taken the pains in training and drilling the children. God knows His own. This is sufficient.

The Primary Department of our Sunday School met Thursday afternoon, December 26, and received their presents after joyful singing. One hundred and forty-five were present. Gifts are kept for those who could not come on that day. On the following Sunday over 150 were present, judging by the number of the boxes of candy given out. Our Main Department, 125 (42 being absent), not counting the Bible Classes, received their presents on Sunday afternoon after a splendid service. Our heart goes out in gratitude to those who helped us to get the presents. May we ask those who if any happened to be overlooked to kindly come, and claim their own, as we are holding it for them. Those who give count giving a great pleasure for themselves.

We are to hold a morning service on New Year's Day at 10.30 o'clock. In the evening at 8 o'clock our Polish brethren, who are holding their services regularly in this building, will hold their service. They, at this writing, expect Bishop Hodur to officiate at that service, and have also invited our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, to be present. The zeal of these Polish people, and the honesty of their purpose, and loyalty to their religious principles are admirable. The Rev. Basilius Sychta is priest in charge of this Polish infant parish. It is rumored that some of the Polish priests in the Roman Churches are telling their congregations that the Old Catholic Polish Christians are going to hell, because they do not recognize him whom the Roman Church calls Holy Father. The Old Catholics hold that there is one Holy Father, and He is God, both in heaven and on earth; and that no man whether he be an Italian or American can take His place. Well, this is a matter of religious conviction; and in this age of enlightenment, if the above rumor be true, it is very strange, and somewhat ridiculous for any man to presume to send another man to hell, and cause so much heartburning and hatred among people of one blood and one aspiration. Why cannot the Roman Catholics and the Old Catholic Poles worship God side by side in their own ways in peace and brotherly love. There is no evidence, as it is plainly shown by the Greek Church and other churches, that Christ who founded the Church in Jerusalem, wanted all nations and all languages to be subject to a man in Rome, and worship God in the Latin language. We all know that the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and the New Testament was written in Greek, and that neither Christ nor the Apostles used Latin in their conversation or preaching or prayers. So, even in case of doubt, why cannot we give love the benefit, and be a little more tolerant to our Christian brothers who differ from us on minor matters? Why cannot Christ Himself be our bond of union? No one needs to fear hell simply because some priest sends him there. God knows His own.

"It is reverence for truth that nourishes honesty, reverence for purity that nourishes chastity, reverence for love that nourishes kindness and reverence for compassion that nourishes sympathy."

In a former issue we quoted what Mr. Roosevelt said of the Bible. It is fair that we should quote what Mr. Wilson thinks of the Bible. The fact that these men differing in much else agree on the value of the Bible is significant. Mr. Wilson says: "No great nation can ever survive its own temptations and its own follies that does not indoctrinate its children in the Word of God, so that as school master and as Governor I know that my feet must rest with the feet of my fellowmen upon this foundation, and upon this foundation only; for the righteousness of nations like the righteousness of men must take its source from these foundations of inspiration. . . I am sorry for the men who do not read the Bible every day. . . It is one of the most singular books in the world, for every time you open it some old text that you have read a score of times suddenly beams with new meaning. There lies at the foundation of all our schooling and of all our thought the incomparable and unimpeachable Word of God."

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
500, Nov. 29, William Keller
501, Dec. 1, Evelyn Stanletta Bowers
502, " 1, Elmer Power Morison
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No.
214, Dec. 1, Robert Aikens
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217, " 29, John Henry Culp

The monthly sale in our store will take place this month on the second Wednesday instead of the first Wednesday afternoon. Again we ask our friends to send us whatever they can spare of their household for our store.

The last reception given by Mrs. Perry to the women of our Parish, (we like to call it Parish, though we are still a Mission) was so successful that it was decided to make this Tea a monthly affair. This month all the women of St. George's, and those who wish it well, are cordially invited to the tea at 2518 Indiana avenue, the third Wednesday afternoon, January 15 from 3 to 5 o'clock. There will be no special invitations. It is hoped that all will come.

One of the latest features added in the work of this Mission is the organization of a council, consisting of men and women to aid in aggressive church work. The following have been chosen members of the council: For St. George's, Richmond, Thomas McGarvey, George Bauer, Alfred Abrhamson, Philip Becker, Frederick Becker, Isaac Jacobs, Claude Commo, Edgar Walter, Harry Arndt, William Gilmour, George Bingham, Herbert Gransback, Herbert Herbsleb, V. W. Linthicum, Mrs. James McGowan, Mrs. Robert Moffat, Mrs. George Bauer. For the Chapel, Venango, Benjamin Pogson, Chas. G. Barnes, Paul S. Atkins, Mrs. Bernard Karcher, and Mrs. Gotlieb Seemueller. Mr. Philip Becker was chosen secretary of the Council. It was decided to meet regularly the second Saturday evening in each month at 8 o'clock. The next meeting comes on January 11. All the members of the Council are expected to be present, or send word in case they cannot come.

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or stingily. If it is worth anything to us at all, it is worth to us a great deal. We must not let it starve for the necessary financial support. Our weekly envelope list of subscribers should be enlarged. Contributions should be more regular, and as liberal as they can be made, each according to his or her ability. The red envelopes designated for Missions should not be neglected. The Board of Missions has laid upon us the task of raising $210 a year for Missions. The red envelopes are for that purpose. If every one does a little there will be no hardship on any one. Let us learn the beautiful habit of setting aside each week a little of our income, and consecrate it for the work of the Church. We shall all be blest in so doing.

A noble woman writes us that her son got more pleasure out of providing Christmas presents for a class of boys than he ever got out of all the presents he received himself. This is the testimony of a mother to the joy of giving.

Now and then we hear a good thing said. For instance; the other day a hypercritical and harmless woman said to another: "I don't feel like going any more to that Chruch (meaning her own, whatever it was) because I don't get any good out of it." "Well," retorted her neighbor, "you are getting just as much out of it as you are putting into it."

"Did you see what a big funeral Mrs. Grandee gave her husband," said one woman to another. "Fifteen carriages, and a mass of flowers. It must have cost her $500. I wonder what she gave to the minister, or to the church where he works, who officiated at the funeral?" The Visitor who overheard this conversation thought this a legitimate question. The cemetery lot is paid for. The doctor is paid. The undertaker is paid. None of these would exist if they were not paid. Is the minister paid, or the Church to which he belongs? If not, does any one take the trouble to find out how a Church or a minister can exist without their services being paid for?

In the Church Building Fund as reported, $502. Received from Woman's Auxiliary St. Philip's Church, $10. On hand, $512. In the Rectory Fund on hand, $115.10. Light and Heat Fund on hand, $30.15.

THE CHAPEL, VENANGO.

On Monday, December 23, in the afternoon the Kindergarten had its Christmas festival in the presence of their mothers and friends. Their best friend, Mr. Henry W. Marston, was for the first time present at these delightful and joyful exercises. The occasion was wonderfully interesting, and swelled the heart with joy, making all who witnessed the festival forgetful of time and of themselves. Our Kindergarten has justified all the contributions made for its sup-

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On Thursday evening, December 26, the Christmas cantata "Santa's Mix-up," was rendered by the children of the Sunday School under the direction of the untiring Miss Coulter in the presence of a very large congregation. It was preceded by congregational singing of Christmas carols and by brief addresses delivered by the minister and the lay reader. The cantata was a great success, and Mr. Arndt, St. George's Santa Claus for years, was unusually good. The cantata closed with the distribution of the Christmas gifts to the children. The following participated in the cantata:

"Miss Black," Margaret Bieber, Her boys: Frank Hinke, Emil Karcher, Louis Kershaw, Joseph Bieber, Christian White, Charles Bauder, Walter Miller and William Abrams.

"Miss White," Edna Reed. Her girls: Mabel Brown, Florence Sylvester, Julia Owens, May Hanson, Irene Carr, Ida May Sylvester. Fairies: Mary Kelly, Georgiana Abrams, Lillian Abrams, Louisa Bauman, Josephine Karcher, Eva Brown. Milliners: Ida Seemueller, Agnes Alexander, Lena Bauman, Pearl McGovern, Myrtle Thiel, Bertie Karcher, Katherine Donahue, Josephine Hanson. "Jack Frost," Mr. Atkins. "Sexton," John Bauman. "Santa," Mr. Arndt, Bluecoats: Charles Seemueller and Maurice Bieber.

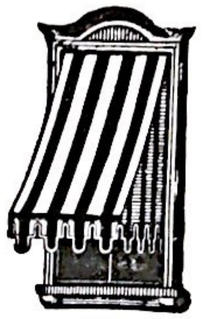
On Sunday afternoon, December 29, the whole Sunday School united for their annual Christmas service of song and praise.

The evening service was largely attended; and the choir rendered beautiful church music inspiring the joy of Christmastide in the hearts of the congregation. Mr. Albert Sheard added greatly to this music by singing a tenor solo, "The Glory of Christmas."

At the request of Bishop Rhinelander the duplex envelope system has been adopted. We urge every member and friend of the Chapel to secure a set of these envelopes for weekly contribution to the Chapel. Please note that there are two envelopes—one for the support of the Chapel and the other for Missions, for the support of those who are less able than ourselves.

PRAYER.

O God, our Father, who makest us both to will and to do the things which are good and acceptable unto thy Divine Majesty; I pray thee for the officers and teachers of our Sunday School, for the scholars and their families. Let thy fatherly hand, I beseech thee, ever be over them; let thy Holy Spirit ever be with them; and lead them to the knowledge and obedience of thy Word; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



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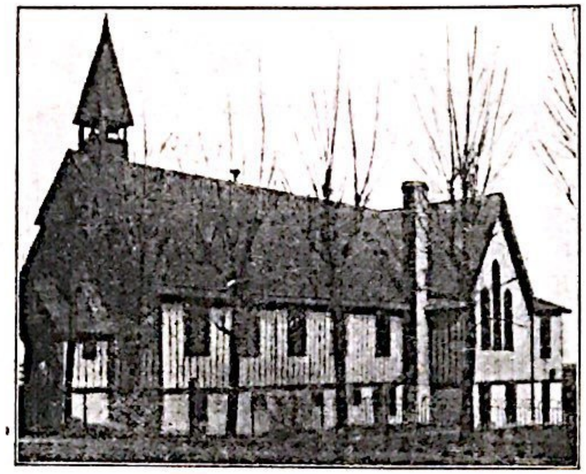
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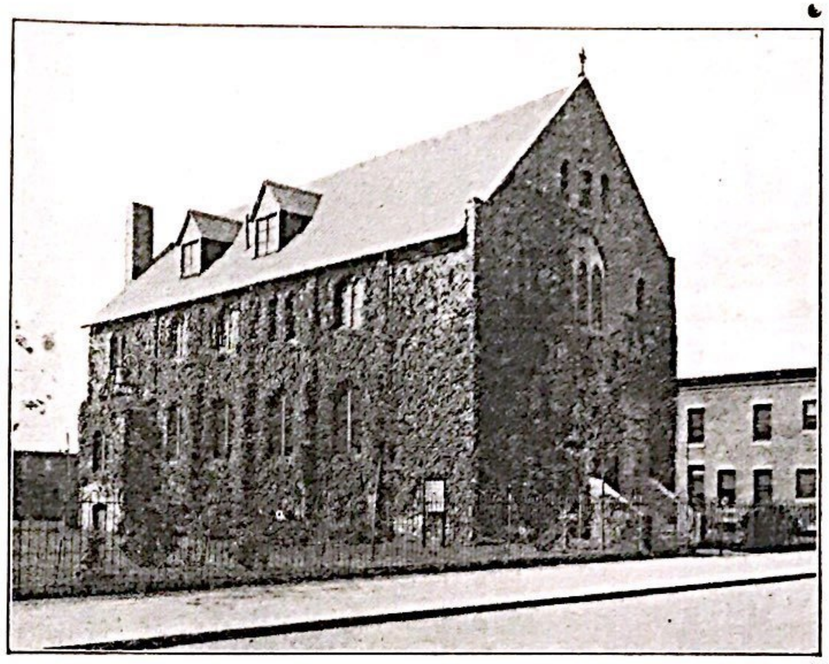
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LENT.

Like the seasons of the year which come and go, each bringing and leaving behind its own blessings for the body, so come and go the seasons of the Church year to nourish and strengthen the soul. St. Paul says: "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." It is the spirit of Lent which is the measure of its value. Lent expressed in man-made ordinances, in prescriptions of meat and drink, may be, as it has been, lost to many Christian people. For the letter killeth. But the spirit of Lent brings us at once face to face with its origin, with the thing which gives Lent its power for good. The spirit bridges over time and space, and we find ourselves in the silent desert where our Lord was tempted forty days and forty nights. We hear the voice of temptation, and we also hear the voice of Him who helps to overcome it. We are thus brought face to face with the reality of life; its object and its struggles; its possibilities and its grandeur.

It is this which gives Lent its stability and its increasing influence as days go by. The letter of Lent, so much emphasized with the best intentions in the past, has almost killed the spirit of Lent in the hearts of many excellent Christian people; but almost and not altogether. For as the shades of night fade away gradually before the growing dawn, so prejudice, born of dark ages, is dying, though dying hard; and Lent is gradually coming to its own. Good people may, for some reason, continue to disregard the letter of Lent; they cannot but feel in their heart, as true Christians must feel, the spirit of Lent.

And thus we see in Lent people flocking, during the lunch hour, to the Lenten services in the various centers of the city, as they have never done before, drawn on by the spirit of Lent. Some years ago these Lenten services were inaugurated by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in St. Stephen's Church, Tenth below Market street. It was an experiment. But the spirit of Lent has so touched the hearts and minds of the people that they can no more resist it. How can they resist the words of Him who saith: "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." There is no man or woman who heeds this voice that does not pray: "Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

Lent calls forcibly our attention to the best qualities that are within us.

It appeals to our gift of self-examination. It stirs within us the noble quality of self-denial. It excites in us a desire to give to others of our possessions. It calls us to frequent prayer. It teaches us the lesson of self-restraint. It prepares us for the great feast of Easter, the comfort and joy of the faithful.

O Lord, who has taught us that our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Grant this for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

FEBRUARY KALENDAR.

2. Quinquagesima, Sunday before Lent.
5. Ash Wednesday.
9. First Sunday in Lent.
16. Second Sunday in Lent.
23. Third Sunday in Lent.
24. St. Matthias.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Mrs. Perry will hold her reception to the women of St. George's on Tuesday before Lent, February 4, from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at 2518 East Indiana avenue. It is understood that this notice is an invitation to all the women of St. George's Church and their women friends, both of the Old Chapel, Venango, and the St. George's, Richmond. There is no special invitation issued to this afternoon tea; but it is taken for granted that all our well wishers, who can find it convenient, will cheerfully accept the invitation and come.

An envelope for the time-honored Easter Offering will be given to all our members and friends at the beginning of Lent with the request that they use this envelope in which to lay by their Lenten self-denial fund throughout Lent and present it as their Easter Offering on the morning or evening of that great Christian Feast, the Feast of the Resurrection.

An appeal is hereby issued to all those who possess the talent of singing, and wish to use this talent for the glory of God and His Church. All such as have this talent and this desire to serve God and His Church thereby, are earnestly invited to join St. George's choir. We should have beautiful uplifting music on Easter Day; and the season of Lent affords a great opportunity for preparation. By Easter we shall have the new choir vestments which were donated to us by a good friend. Our choir people will doubtless show their appreciation of this kindness by efficient work for the Church and devotion to their calling.

The Woman's Guild is now ready to receive orders for Easter eggs. These orders have been growing from year to year, due to the excellent quality of the eggs which the Guild is handling. It is desirable that the orders be handed in as early as possible. The officers of the Guild are: Mrs. George Bauer, 3044 Gaul street; Mrs. Robert Moffatt, 2834 Cedar street, and Mrs. I. Jacobs, 3141 Edgemont street. Orders for eggs may be made through any member of the Guild.

Beginning with February 12, the rummage sales in our store will be held every other Wednesday, from 2 to 4 P. M., until further notice. We need more boxes and barrels of goods. If you, dear reader, have some things to spare send them to our store, and they will be made good use of.

The fact that St. George's congregation is to have in the near future a new church and perhaps also a rectory, thus making a beautiful group of buildings for the e lification of our community; this fact doubtless fills all hearts with gratification, especially the hearts of those who have labored longest in St. George's vineyard. But this gratification will be a greater source of joy both to the old and new if they all join together to meet the responsibility which growth in the Church involves. We shall get greater benefits from the church to come if we qualify for it.

We must have a business-like system of ways and means. We must all contribute towards the Church which we want. Then only can we get its full benefits. Weekly contributions make it possible for every one to give without too much burden. We would urge upon every member and friend of St. George's to apply for a set of envelopes to be used regularly and faithfully for the upbuilding of the Church.

Under the leadership and guidance of Mrs. Robert S. Bright our Woman's Bible Class is growing steadily both in numbers and grace. It is amazing to contemplate the amount of good a man or a woman can do who is imbued with the spirit of Christ. And if one man or woman can do so much, what could not ten or a hundred do? "The Kingdom of Heaven is with you."

Question—"How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in His Church?"

Answer—"Two only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord."

Does this question and answer mean anything? Do they have any foundation to stand on? Let us see. "And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them," Mat. 28:19; "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," John 3:5; "Suffer the little children to come unto me; and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God," Mark 10:14. When we consider that the phrase "Kingdom of God" meant quite often the Christian Church, the company of the faithful; and when you consider that the word "come" meant rather to enter into fellowship with Christ, just as in "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," it is quite plain that our Lord referred to the Baptism of the little chil'ren; for by Baptism one becomes a member of the Christian Church. The words of our Lord emphasize the eligibility of our children to membership in the Church; "for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God." Suffer them to come into it, and forbid them not.

As to the observance of Holy Communion, let us keep in mind the words of our Lord: "This do in remembrance of me."

It goes without saying that if every member of our Men's Bible Class would win one man for the Class our number would be 138. Or, if every one of our members had one-tenth of the zeal for the Bible Class movement as our leader, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle, we would have 500 men in our Class. After all, gentlemen, there is nothing impossible with men who mean business, and are proud of their calling. **God helps those who help themselves.**

The meeting of the Church Council will take place on the second Saturday this month, February 8, at the Parish House, at 8 o'clock sharp. The members will please take due notice of it and be present, if possible.

Our Parish Guild will meet in quarterly session the first Tuesday evening in March. Every effort should be made to realize the great object of this assembly. It is to bring all our people and friends, all the families, into one large family for a good social time; and to hear the reports of the officers of all our working societies.

Mr. W. B. Patterson, secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Inter-Church Federation, will address our congregation at the Sunday evening service, February 2, at 7.30 o'clock, on the subject relating to the welfare of women and children in mills and factories. This subject is of vital importance to all of us.

This is the way in which one of our daily papers sums up the effect of the liquor traffic on our community and the whole nation; and who can gainsay it? "Its record of devastation is a scar across the face of civilization. The manhood it has wrecked, the homes it has ruined, the women it has w ung in hopeless sorrow and the other women it has buried in nameless shame, the children it has starved and murdered—these are the witnesses against it." Is there no way to stop this havoc? Why shou'd a man or a woman be permitted by law to so conduct himself or herself as to make so many innocent people suffer so terribly?

A boy of 11 years recently shot his mother's head off when she refused to give him 5 cents. Examination revealed that he spent all the money he got at "movies" and that his mind was full of the crimes he saw there. "I saw a man shoot through a window and kill a woman and they never caught him." This is but a sample of the havoc "movies" play in the minds of thousands of children and young people. But, of course, your boy does not go to that kind of "movies."

We call the attention of our readers to the discovery of the Board of Health, namely, that measles is not a necessary disease, and that children should not be exposed to it in order that they may have it and be over with it. This disease is not without danger, and should be avoided, if possible.

The Sunday School classes who have distinguished themselves in

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
504, Jan. 2, Lillian Caroline Bispels
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506, " 19, Albert Thomas Ferguson
507, " 24, Wilhelmina Ruff
508, " 26, Florence Elizabeth Emma Schimpf
509, " 26, Raymond Crossly Stott
510, " 26, Charles Wood Stott
511, " 28, John Wearthwine
512, " 29, Jacob Michael Hill

MARRIAGES

No.
89, Jan. 22, David Lennox Unruh, Anna Watson Dever

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
218, Jan. 25, Ellen Mills

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the last month by good attendance are Nos. 8 and 10; by largest contributions, Nos. 14 and 12, in order. Hereafter we shall record those marked for good behavior.

We are looking forward with much expectation to the results of Easter Day from our boys and girls of our Sunday School. It is harder now to be self-denying during Lent than ever before; but it is for this reason that we trust our boys and girls will do better this year for their Lenten offering than before. We have a magnificent Sunday School, and we should have a magnificent offering for Missions. Take good care of your mite box. See that you make daily your offering, no matter how small. If you do this you will always be glad that you did it. Our Sunday School must be a first-class Sunday School in everything pertaining to God and the Church.

We need teachers for the Sunday School. We are confident that our congregation can furnish them. May you be kindled with a desire to serve God in the Sunday School. There is no nobler avocation.

It was on one of those new green street cars that the Visitor happened to overhear the following:

"Of course, I believe in a Supreme being." "Now, look here, John," said the other man, "I am getting mighty sick of this old chestnut. I, too, have been trying to deceive myself by this meaningless phrase for many years until I began to be honest enough with myself and others by examining the thing. It is nothing but an invention of those who try to dodge their duty to God and fellowman. They can say then, I do not need the Church; I do not need go to Holy Communion; I do not need to be baptized; I do not need observe all the Commandments of the Decalogue, because I do not believe in God. I believe in a Supreme being spelled with a big S. But what is your Supreme being? Is he a person who creates things? Does he hear your prayers? Can you talk

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to him in trouble; and get help from him in time of temptation? Who are his ministers on whom you call to pray for the sick, and bury the dead? And now, John, tell me, did you take your oath in the lodge room *before*, in the presence, mind you, of the 'Supreme being,' or of 'Almighty God?' You pride yourself on not being a hypocrite. What did you mean by Almighty God? You are not bound by your oath if you did not mean what you said. Do you see what this leads to? You took your oath before Almighty God, and you say you believe in a Supreme being? Are these terms synonymous with you? If they are then you DO believe in God, one who is almighty. Do you know of any one that is like Him outside our Bible? The One before whom you took your oath is the God as He reveals Himself to us in the Scriptures. Yet you are trying to deny Him. This God revealed Himself to us in His Son Jesus Christ, who has ordained the Sacraments of the Church through which we keep this faith in God alive. This is the conclusion to which I came when I stopped trying to deceive myself and others, and looked truth in the face; and to this conclusion you must come when you take a closer account of your heart. I confess to you, John, that I have learned more wisdom and truth in our Men's Bible Class in one Sunday than I have in the lodge room in a year; and the wisdom and truth I have learned in the lodge room was such as was taken directly or indirectly from the Bible. Furthermore, I am a better Mason now that I try to be a good Churchman than when I disregarded the Church, and plumed myself ostentatiously with a vague belief in a still more vague 'Supreme being.'" The Visitor, who happens to be a Mason himself, wondered what impression the stranger left on his brother John.

And now it has been found that colors affect minds of children; and that both the eyesight and mental efficiency of children in learning their lessons can be promoted by the proper choice of color of the walls in the school room. Red paper on wall or cealing should never be used. It increases the heart action to a dangerous degree, and causes headache. Yellow increases their work 50 per cent. above the normal; but makes them also restless and mischievous. Green is found to be the ideal color for a study room. For sick people the most soothing effect is obtained from light gray. Nothing has been said yet about red hats, or red dresses, red flags, or red noses.

The Polish congregation, who holds services in St. George's, continues to grow and improve. They are being joined by their Lithuanian brethren who, judging from their mass meeting held Sunday afternoon, January 19, are anxious to emulate the Poles.

Here is a pregnant sentence from the Motto Calendar:
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Special services will be held Wednesday evenings throughout Lent at 8 o'clock. On Sunday evenings there will be a series of helpful addresses by visiting speakers.

The Chapel Calendar for this year has been made very attractive by the picture of the Chapel Choir, which it bears on its face. The demand for it has been greater this year by reason of increase in the number of families attached to the Chapel.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, February 2, Easter Offering envelopes will be distributed among our people. A year ago this offering amounted to $20. It should be twice as much this year. This can be easily accomplished if everybody takes an envelope, and does the best he or she can.

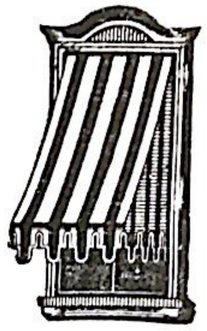
The old fence at the rear of the Chapel could weather no longer the storms and fell. This venerable fence has served the Chapel for nearly thirty years. A generous friend has replaced about a year ago the old fence on the east side of our property at an expense beyond our own means. To replace the present loss will cost about $50. There are other repairs needed to keep the Old Chapel in a condition of safety. Our men cheerfully will do the work. The material is our only cost. We shall be glad to be helped, financially.

At the last monthly meeting of the Chapel Guild, Tuesday evening, January 28, officers were elected and plans were discussed as to how the Chapel building and grounds might be kept in good order, and also the ways and means of increasing the Easter Offering. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the ladies.

The most promising feature in the life of the Chapel is the recent organization of a Club by the members of the congregation for the purpose of promoting social intercourse in the work of upbuilding the Church in the neighborhood. The officers chosen are as follows: President, Bernard Karcher; Vice-President, Miss Claire Augustine; Secretary, Miss Margaret Bieber; Treasurer, Charles Seemueller. The Assembly meets every Friday evening in the basement of the Chapel.

The Sunday School held a service of Thanksgiving on Missionary Day, on Quinquagesima Sunday, February 2, when the mite boxes for Lenten Offering were distributed among the members of the Sunday School with the hope that the offering for this year will be greater than any before.

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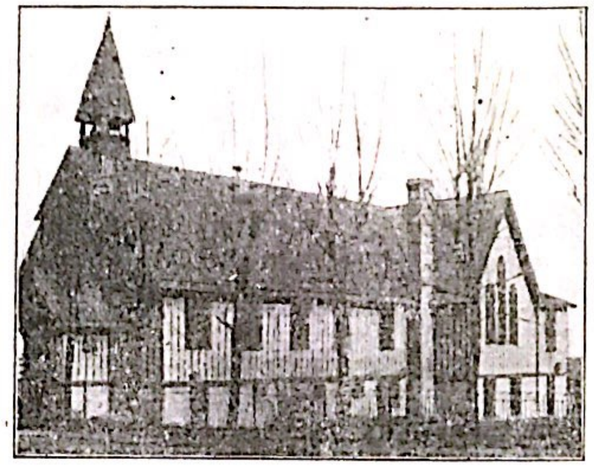
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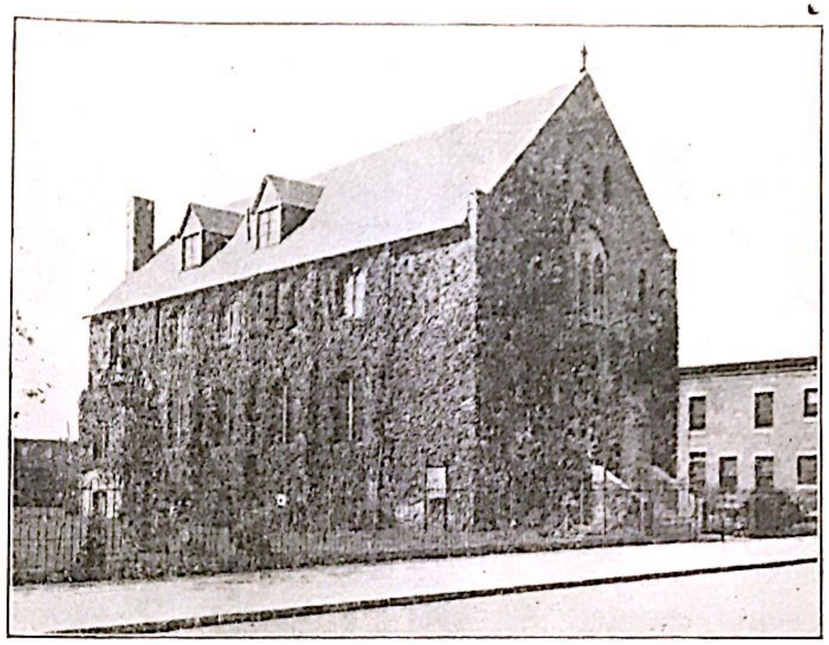
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THE BIBLE.

Reports of terrible events come to us from Mexico, our neighbor. The Mexican nation is going through the agonies of bloody revolution. Ah, unhappy nation! Wise and learned men in history and social economy ask the question why, within the last hundred years, there should have taken place in Mexico approximately fifty revolutions, and then proceed to speculate and give their reasons for such oft repeated outbreaks of anarchy, bloodshed and pillage. The Visitor, too, ventures in all humility to do his own thinking, and to submit to all serious-minded men and women the following question for their consideration?

Would such outbreaks have been perpetuated in Mexico if the Mexican people were a Bible-reading people?

Does this idea startle you, dear reader? Is it so far fetched? Look about you and consider the nations that dwell upon the face of the earth, and see if you cannot discover some connection between the integrity and stability of a nation and popular reading of the Bible? See also if the national sins, or sufferings of a people who do lay claim to the Bible as the Book of Life, are not due to the lack of a more general knowledge and earnest study of the Bible. Is it not true that wherever the Bible is popular there democracy has a better chance to live and grow. Is it not true that the popularization of the Bible creates good ground for the seed of popular government. Revolutions there always will be where the national spirit lives and grows; but they are and will be bloodless where the Bible is popular; and bloody where The Book is unknown to the people. Furthermore, a free people who ignores the value of the Bible is liable to a bloody revolution, and a bloody revolution seldom leads to real freedom.

Now, dear reader, while others launch into very satisfactory explanations, as to cause and effect, of the great sufferings of the Mexican people, will you not try with the Visitor to discover the real cause of these sufferings of the unhappy people along the line just suggested.

The reason why the Bible is so helpful to a nation is because it begins its beneficent work in the heart of the individual. The only objection ever ventured openly against the free reading of Scriptures is the danger of its being misread by some and misinterpreted by others; but is it not a fact that even the misreading and misinterpreting the Bible never leads to moral depravity and loss of character. The errors of men who seek for their support the Bible are not one hundredth part as dangerous to society as the errors of men who do not seek the Bible for their support.

But even these misinterpretations would disappear with the disappearance of ignorance of the Bible. It is much harder for an intelligent reader of Scriptures to become a Christian Scientist or a Seven Day Adventist, or a Russelite or a What Not, than for him who never before took the trouble to read the Bible intelligently. As long as the Bible remains an unknown book to so many there will be charlatans who will get the following of these many to their preconceived notions supported by the Bible much twisted and perverted. But the point is this, these charlatans in bringing their followers to an earnest reading and studying of the Bible, are helping them thereby to moral improvement and to joy of life in spite of misinterpretation. Which shows that so far as integrity of character and moral life is concerned, the Bible is a perfectly safe book in the hands of all. Gregory the Great who was Bishop of Rome 590-604 compared the Bible to a "stream where the elephant may swim and the lamb may wade." But then there have been many changes since his time.

Even in this age of enlightenment there is now and then, as it were, a man emerging from the backwoods who is still voting for Jackson. Another man still claiming the earth is flat. And another man repudiating the Bible because he read Robert Ingersol, or heard some one else speak of the greatness and wisdom of the colonel. What strikes one mostly is the faith of this faithless man in the judgment and wisdom of Robert Ingersol. We do not rest our faith on the judgment of any man; but if we are to look to the opinions and convictions of other men to support and strengthen our own, we naturally ought to go to the greatest men of the world. Surely, it is admitted by all that the colonel is not counted among the greatest. We can easily more than match Colonel Ingersol with an up-to-date and much greater colonel than he ever was, namely, Theodore Roosevelt. And if this be not enough, we can add another colonel, W. Jennings Bryan, and President-elect Wilson into the bargain. Surely the combined opinions of these three great public men ought to at least match Ingersol's opinion of the Bible, and still leave, over and above, a long list of most illustrious men in favor of the Bible. These men, mind, dear reader, are not ecclesiastics; but in scholarship and genius infinitely surpass Ingersol the orator. And what is their testimony to the Bible?

Green, the English historian, says: "The disclosures of the stores of Greek literature had wrought the revolution of the Renascence. The disclosure of the older mass of Hebrew literature wrought the revolution of the Reformation."

"The Bible has been the magna carta of the poor and of the oppressed. . . . By the study of what other book could children be so humanized?"—Huxley.

"As well imagine a man with a sense for sculpture not cultivating it by the help of the remains of

Greek art, and a man with a sense for poetry not cultivating it by the help of Homer and Shakespeare, as a man with a sense for conduct not cultivating it by the help of the Bible."—Matthew Arnold.

"It (the Bible) has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without mixture of error for its matter: It is all pure, all sincere, nothing too much, nothing wanting."—John Locke.

"In the poorest cottage is one Book wherein for several thousand years the spirit of man has found light and nourishment, and an interpreting response to whatever is deepest in him."—Thomas Carlyle.

"There are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion; no orations equal to those of the prophets; and no politics like those which the Scriptures teach."—John Milton.

"Let culture and science go on advancing and the mind progress as it may, it will never go beyond the elevation and moral culture of Christianity as it glistens and shines forth in the Gospels." Again, "in its entirety it (the Bible) is venerable, and in its details it is helpful." Again, "It is a belief in the Bible, the fruits of deep meditation, which has served me as the guide of my moral and literary life."—Goethe.

"In this little book is contained all the wisdom of the world."—Ewald (the highest of the higher critics).

"I owe my illumination wholly to the reading of one book, yes, one book, and it is an old, plain book, modest and natural as nature itself, as common and unpretentious as the sun which warms us, as the bread which nourishes us, a book which looks at us familiarly and benignantly as an old grandmother who reads in it daily, with the dear trembling lips and spectacles on her nose. And this book is simply and properly called *the* book, the Bible, also the Holy Scripture. He who lost his God can find Him again in this book, and he who never knew Him will feel in it the breath of the divine word."—Heinrich Heine.

"Every hour I read you, kills a sin and lets a virtue in to fight against it."—Izaak Walton.

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."—St. Paul.

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book on reason that you can and the balance on faith, and you will live and die a better man."—Abraham Lincoln.

CALENDAR.

2. Fourth Sunday before Lent.
9. Fifth Sunday in Lent.
16. Next Sunday before Easter.
20. Maunday Thursday.
21. Good Friday.
23. EASTER.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

The week before Easter is especially a Church week. We shall have services beside the usual Wednesday evening Prayer, on Thursday evening before Easter at 8 o'clock. It is a service at which we commemorate the last Supper of the Lord, His Commandment, "This Do In Remembrance of Me." It is therefore called Maunday Thursday. Then we shall have morning and evening services on Good Friday at the usual hours, 10.30 A. M. and 8 P. M. And then comes Easter Day. "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die." A truth which if looked at honestly tends to sober us up and to make us a little more thoughtful of life.

Easter once walked the streets of a great city. She stopped a boy whom she asked if he knew her. "Oh, yes," said the boy indifferently, "you are the lady what gives me eggs to match." And turning leisurely away he continued his shrill cry, "uppperr!" "Of course, I know thee," said a young lady to Easter, 'thou givest me a beautiful bonnet." She, too, left Easter with an air of utter indifference. After a few more similar answers from the passing crowds, Easter grew sad and disconsolate as one without hope, when a stately lady of Christian countenance approached her and said, with sweet voice full of sympathy: "I know thee, thou art with me in affliction. Thou art the joy and hope of life!" At these words the countenance of Easter became transfigured with delight, and a strange light shone around about her, as she said: "As long as there are some people who know me I shall continue to be the *hope* of the world!" As she vanished gradually out of sight, the following words were heard coming from a house of mourning not far away: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch that ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

According to the report of the Secretary of the Sunday School the following classes are distinguished for collections, Nos. 14, 12, 5 and 9. The following are distinguished for best attendance: Nos. 2, 6, 7 and 10.

The Guild is receiving orders for Easter eggs. The growing demand on account of good quality and treatment, and the naming of the eggs, make it necessary that orders be placed as soon as possible.

The reception and tea to the women of St. George's and their friends at 2518 Indiana avenue, will take place Wednesday afternoon, March 26, from 3 to 5 o'clock. This is the only invitation issued, and all our ladies who read it or hear of it are expected to make an extra effort to be present.

The Quarterly Parish Guild meeting takes place the first Tuesday evening this month, March 4, at 8 o'clock. All the officers and congregation are expected to be present to hear the reports of our various working societies.

We are naturally looking forward for the biggest Easter offering both from the children and the congregation this coming Easter. We are being tested this year. A test is always hard; but oh, how pleasant it is when it is successfully over, and the beautiful results are

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

513, Feb. 2, William Richard Lang
514, " 2, Joseph Frederick Monken
515, " 2, Anna Josephine Monken
516, " 9, Marian Frances Youngken
517, " 9, Roy Chester Kerr
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BURIALS

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No.

519, Feb. 5, Olive Brown Arndt
220, " 8, William Cadwalader
221, " 13, Charles Myers
222, " 17, Laura Emily Turkheimer
223, " 18, William Keller
224, " 20, Nellie Oliver Smith
225, " 27, James Rumbelow

chronicled in our favor. A hard test is not so hard after all when all pull together.

If this note catches the eye of him or her who has not supplied himself or herself with an Easter envelope, specially printed for the occasion, we trust that without delay the envelope will be sent for and procured in one way or another. Use it for your Easter offering to the Church and its good work.

On Easter Day we are to have in the evening a union service of the Sunday School and congregation, at which service the Lenten offerings for Missions of each class will be announced. There will be, of course, Easter music furnished by the choir and the congregation. We expect to make this occasion memorable. Therefore be looking forward to it with much expectation.

We are told that it is a common thing for a Mohammedan in his own country to spit at a Christian. And when he wishes to express his disgust and hate doubly so, he spits on the ground; as much as to say, the Christian is not even worthy of his spittle. "Do you mean to insinuate, Mr. Visitor, that such expression of religious difference is used by certain Christians toward the fellow Christians? in this country?" No, dear reader, the Visitor does not mean to insinuate, but to state this strange phenomenon (for want of any other term) as a matter of fact. Only it is not the grown-ups that do it, but the children. Not all children, but some children of ignorant parents. But where do these get it from: from Constantinople or some other far away city? It is certainly an imported article.

Our Council will meet the second Saturday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock sharp. Some important reports will be presented to the Council for action. We hope all members will be present.

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scientific social service. The Visitor ventures to suggest one more which would perhaps do away with all others, and in the end prove effective and economical, namely, an institution for research to discover the germ which makes people weary of well-doing. The victims of this microscopic and demoralizing germ are legions, and the effects of this disease are most destructive in social service work. Hundreds of young men and women full of the enthusiasm of youth and high ideals, who give themselves to the work among their brothers and sisters before them, soon succumb to this deadly germ; and they grow tired of well doing. Two or three societies are at present suffering intensely in St. George's from the ravages of this germ; and our Sunday School has been suffering from it for years. Is there any one who would endow this institution of discovering and killing this germ which makes people weary of well-doing after a few weeks of earnest and successful effort. Hereafter the Visitor is not going to mention any new effort by any well disposed person until six months have passed. When one stands six months' well-doing he stands a good show of escaping that deadly germ.

We must urge our people to give more attention to the weekly envelope system of supporting the Church. It is not wise economy to stint the Church. It seldom works well. The giver to the Church is always blessed for his giving.

According to newspaper reports February 10 was the beginning of a week of self-denial among 125,000 working women of Chicago. The purpose was to raise a fund for the advancement of the work of the women's trade union league. Some of the things that the women did forego were nickel shows, theatres, dances, candy, ice cream and pie. The purpose was a noble one, but it could not be attained without self-denial. It is so with our Church.

The American Bible Society last year put in circulation 3,691,201 volumes of the Scriptures.

We are very much tempted to print the following: Among the Presidents of the United States up to date there have been eight Episcopalians, two Congregationalists, six Presbyterians, two Dutch Reformed, two Unitarians, four Methodists and one Disciple. If the Episcopalians do not look out for themselves (this is addressed to future candidates, not to the voters) the Presbyterians will get the best of them. Remember they have already adopted a Prayer Book bound in the same style as the Book of Common Prayer. Only it is named "The Book of Common Worship."

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee that, by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Benjamin Pogson and with the financial help of some generous friends the men of the Chapel have built a new substantial fence on the north side in the place of the old one blown down by the storm. As soon as funds are available the men hope to undertake the repairing of the front basement room to accommodate the growing Sunday School.

A sauer kraut supper is being planned for April 7. The price of the tickets, including supper, will be fifteen cents.

The latest addition to the Old Chapel activity is the organization of a young people's assembly who use the Chapel as their center of social intercourse and the pleasant passing of time. It sprang naturally into existence, and it promises much for the solidarity of the congregation. This speaks very much and highly for the intelligence and character of the young people of the Chapel who began their career in its Infant Department.

The young people are rehearsing a play which they hope to give for the benefit of the Chapel soon after Easter.

Mrs. Bernard Karcher has consented to serve again as chairman of the Easter flower committee. This means that the Easter decorations in the Chapel will be very beautiful as they were last year, if not more so. Contributions of money or flowers may be sent to Mrs. Karcher at her home, 3633 Richmond street.

Among the Lenten speakers at the Chapel Sunday evenings have been Messrs. S. Mendelsohn Meehan, George H. Streaker, and August Belmont. The people have been grateful to them for their helpful messages. We expect also to hear from Dr. John Wilkinson, Messrs. Donald Birch and Ginder before Easter. The Wednesday evening services have been well attended.

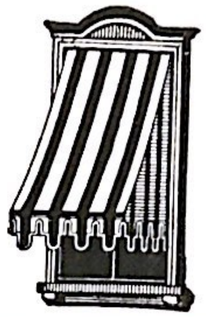
Three dozen small chairs have been added to the furniture to accommodate the growing Sunday School.

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In spite of much sickness among our children the Kindergarten continues to do excellent work, and so does our Girls' Friendly Society; both of these are under the guidance of Miss Ott.

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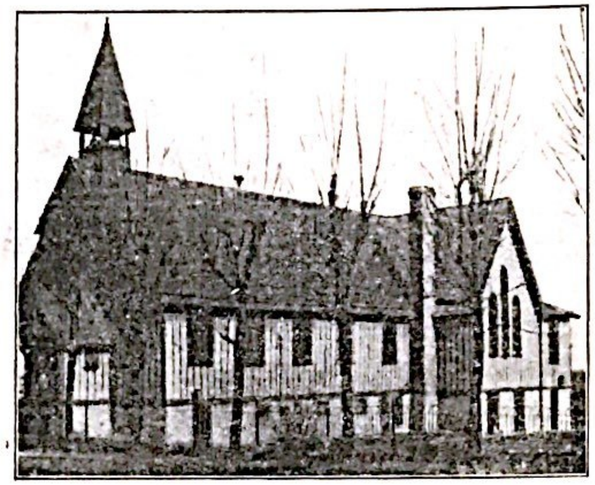
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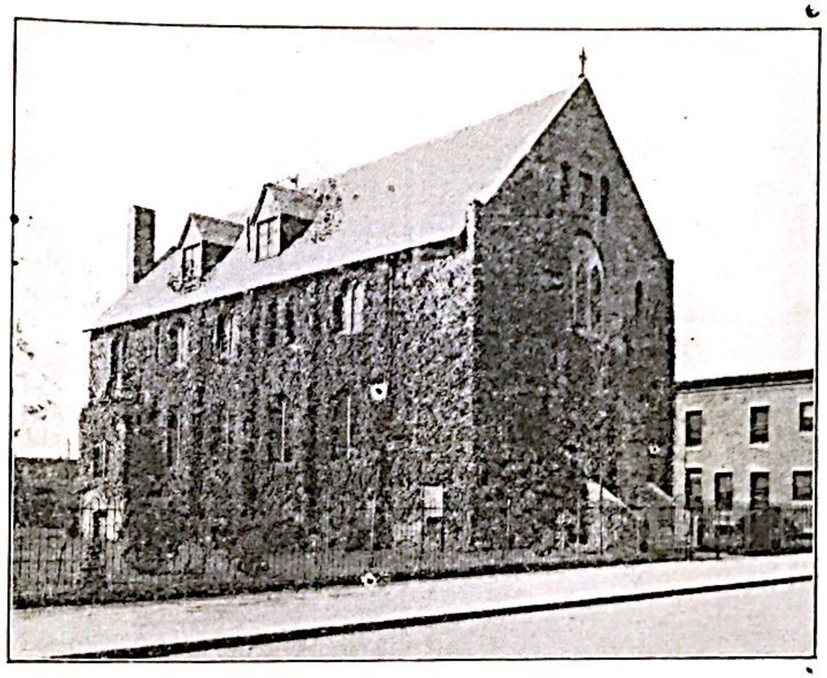
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DEATH.

The loss by death of three of our dear children, members of our Sunday School, a young man, a girl and a little boy, within the last week of the month just past, has brought us forcibly face to face with the awful fact of death. We all know that there is such a thing as death. We are reminded occasionally about it by the crepe on our neighbor's door, or by the passing of a funeral procession; these make it impossible for us to forget it altogether; and we know that death is; but we know it better when we feel it. We know the fact of death better when it comes to our own home, or to our own congregation. Indeed, when this happens, we awake with a start, as if surprised; as if death sprang suddenly into existence. And dazed under the sudden blow; the mind being darkened by affliction, and our vision dimmed by lingering tears, we *seem* to see death, but we really see only the ugly, dreadful caricature of death, the traditional picture of death, born of superstition; that grinning skeleton with scythe in its hand, which seems to grin the more the deeper our affliction is, filling us with heaviness and bitterness of soul. It is our own state of mind, so natural under the circumstances, that makes death look so dreadful and full of hate, filling our hearts with gloom and often with despair.

Were we not born to die? Is not death as old as creation? What is death really? It is the voice of God calling us to Himself. How often do we see the sweet smile on the faces of the departed, as if in rebuke to our lamentations and mournings. Does not the voice from heaven say: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. Is there anything more reassuring than the peaceful countenance of the departed dear one? If we could see God's messenger of death as he really is, we might behold a beautiful countenance of sweet sadness mingled with joy, compassion and love. Can we doubt the sweetness of death in the face of Eastertide? What we call the pains of death we really mean the pains of dying; there are no pains in death. There is, of course, a judgment day, and this we ought all to dread: but it is life and not death that should inspire us with the dread of judg ment day. Life should be our greater concern. When our life is right, then we can have no dread of death. Our departed ones have died in the Lord, and they rest from their labors. They have gone to the place where all the righteous dwell, and to which our own faces are turned. Our thoughts of that place will be more often, and our interest in it greater, now that they are there.

Most merciful Father, who has been pleased to take unto thyself the souls of thy children, grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with thy blessed saints in the glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We call upon all the members of our congregation, and by this we mean all the people who are interested in the welfare of the Church, to look forward to the day on which our Bishop will visit St. George's for Confirmation. Please bear in mind that this rite was practiced by the twelve apostles and by St. Paul and all those who succeeded them up to the present day. Please remember also that Confirmation is not joining the Church. We join the Church when we are baptized. Thus those who are baptized in infancy become members of the Church, and of Christ, in childhood; and those who postpone their baptism, postpone their membership in the Church. Baptism and christening mean the same thing. When we are baptized we become members of Christ, we are Christened. No baptism is Christian if it does not Christen. Confirmation is a time-honored rite administered to baptized persons from the very beginning of the Church in Jerusalem. In Baptism certain promises are made by the baptized themselves, or by the sponsors in case of infants. In confirmation these promises are publicly ratified and confirmed. The form of Confirmation consists in the laying on of hands and prayer by the bishop, just as the Apostles of old did.

Our congregation is asked to pray for a large Confirmation Class.

EASTER OFFERINGS.

Progress is another name for St. George's. This Easter has registered progress in every sphere of Church activity in St. George's. We are still marching on, and are growing as we march. The following figures are outward signs which indicate this year considerable advance on the same signs given last year. St. George's has never gone backward; nor has it ever stood still. This goes to show how much alive the people of St. George's are. They seem to be all Progressives here. Nor do they ever think of being otherwise. They have got a taste of progress and they like it. The Easter of 1913 has passed. They are already looking towards the Easter of 1914. And when that comes, by the help of God, we shall find the word PROGRESS writ large.

The following are the Easter offerings for the support of the Church and for Missions:

Mothers' Meeting	$50.00
St. George's Guild	100.00
Congregation	128.56
Miss Honeyford's Class ...	5.00
Mrs. Jacob's Class	15.00
Total	$298.56

For Missions:

Sunday School, Primary Department:

Mrs. Bauer's Class	$2.92
Mrs. Abrahamson's Class .	1.49
Mrs. Philip Becker's Class .	2.81
Miss Letitia Wood's Class .	3.50
Miss M. Wood's Class	2.87
Miss Mary Brown's Class .	1.51
Miss Honeyford's Class ..	2.11
Mrs. Bitting's Class	1.25
Miss Jacob's Class	11.80
Birthday offerings	7.08
Contributions during year..	8.69

Miscellaneous	5.50
Total	$51.53
Main Department:	
Philip Becker's Class	$4.35
Mrs. Jacob's Class	4.72
Mrs. Patterson's Class	2.16
Miss McDonald's Class ...	2.52
W. Schwenderman's Class.	2.91
Thos MacFeat's 2 Classes.	5.23
Chas. Bower's Class	1.40
Mrs. Savage's Class	7.62
Fred Becker's Class	4.50
Mrs. Granback's Class	11.50
James Birney's Class	3.25
Miss McKinley's Class	2.19
Mrs. Sladen's Class	3.10
Mrs. Bright's Bible Class..	16.37
Birthday offerings of school	18.24
Miss. offering for Africa .	6.02
Total	$96.08
From congregation through red envelopes	$70.00

These offerings will exceed a little the amount of our apportionment, which is $210.

The attention of our congregation is called to the fact that the bulk of our apportionment for missions is really made up by the children of our Sunday School. You will see from this that the RED ENVELOPE provided for congregational contributions towards missions is not used as much as it should be used. The red envelope should not be turned in empty. It is better to put into it a little for missions, no matter how small the offering may be. We ought to think of others while we are doing something for ourselves; and when we think of others we shall be doing a little for them. This is the right way.

Our Sunday School members of all departments are to be congratulated upon the splendid offerings they made for missions. The Lenten offering through the mite boxes was larger than ever before, both here and in the Old Chapel. In looking over the individual offerings of the children in St. George's (Richmond) our admiration is kindled for the generosity and self-denial and loyalty of most of our children in spite of the noisy temptations all around them. Generosity, self-denial and loyalty cannot, as a rule, be measured by the number of pennies contributed. It takes more self-denial for some children to give ten cents than for others to give a dollar. But it has been the custom to publish the names of those children who have given towards missions through their mite boxes during Lent forty cents and over; and it is only in deference to this custom that the following list of names is given. We know many who gave less in number of pennies, but more of themselves. If any names which should be in this list are omitted we shall be glad to be corrected, and they will appear in the next issue. Errors are liable to happen, but they can be corrected. The names are placed in the order of distinction.

Those contributing $1 and more: Mary E. Weldon, Marian Moffatt, Marie White. Those contributing 80 cents and more: Margaret Maneely, Elizabeth Moffatt, Daniel Clemens, Florence Clemens. Those contributing 60 cents and over: Lucy Ralston, Charles Ralston, George Ralston, Mary Woodworth, Elizabeth Birney, Emma Martin. Those contributing 40 cents and over: Sadie Bingham, Mary Bingham, Edward Hopkins, Joe Neider, Norman Class, Thomas McGarvey, Lyda Corriston, Wilbur McDonald, Elisha Bingham, Frances Yeager, John Yeager, Lester Savage, Elizabeth Wild, William Martin, Mamie Martin, Margaret Martin, Alfred Abrahamson, Mildred Dool, Edgar Walter, Elizabeth Abrahamson, Wm. Potter, Alice Hansen, Sadie Roelfing, Jennetta Walter, Florence Faulkner, Gertrude Tustin, May McCoach, Anna McCoach, Thora Pedersen, Elizabeth Woolsey, Edna Filler, Ethel Hannum, Lilian Moffat, Elva Bryan, Chas. Gallagher, Lenora Gransback, Mercy Edwards, Lilian Swift, Cora Irene Spence, Edward Edwards, George Woodworth, John Woodworth Mary Ziegenfus, Elmer Kern, Katherine Wambach, John Wambach, Charles Wambach, Henry Bauder, Samuel Woodworth, Agnes Scott, Margaret Boyle.

As time goes on we are approaching nearer and near the promised Church building. Are we ready to receive it? Are we preparing ourselves to properly use the new Church when it comes? To do so, we must work loyally for two things: a larger congregation and a more hearty support. Not only should we work for these, but we should fervently pray for them.

Your attention is called to the crying need of Sunday School teachers. May God kindle the hearts of men and women to offer themselves in this service for Christ. There is no nobler occupation in life than to guide the young in the way of God.

The greatest nation in the world regards it necessary and proper to have the newly-elected president take the oath of his office with his hand on the Bible, and nearly all of the presidents, beginning with Washington, have kissed the Book after taking the oath. A young woman finding her escape from being burned to death in her room cut off, finds in her agony consolation in reading her Bible. The State School Board of Richmond, Virginia, recently passed a resolution that the "principals and teachers be requested to open the daily sessions of the public schools of the city of Richmond with the reading of selections either from the Old or New Testament," because the lessons and truths contained within the Holy Bible are acknowledged by right-thinking people to be of paramount value in creating and maintaining a better moral atmosphere in every community, and also in the individual life. The growth of Bible classes among sturdy, commonsense men points to a world-wide movement towards the universal recognition of the Bible as the Book of Life. How do the scoffers account for these facts?

It may be of some help to quote the seven "dont's" issued recently by our Health Department.

Don't poison yourself with dirty air by staying in overheated, crowded, foul-smelling places.

Don't gormandize during the holiday season.

Don't sleep with the windows closed.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

519, Mar. 9, Edith Dorothy Vogt
520, " 16, Russell Bruce Everly
521, " 19, Vernon Korb Courtright
522, " 23, John Albert Nuttall

MARRIAGES

No.

90, Mar. 29, Henry Meyer and Sallie Patton

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

226, Mar. 30, John Henry Wentzel
227, " 30, Roland Edwin Mansfield Sipe
228, Apr. 5. Elizabeth Abrahamson

Don't indulge to excess in alcoholic liquors.

Don't be afraid of fresh air.

Don't let anyone who has pneumonia pass it on to you. Treat pneumonia as a catching disease.

Don't forget that good general health is the best possible safeguard against pneumonia or any other infectious or contagious disease.

A warning to mothers from a competent physician: "Do not let the baby have a pacifier" (or a "peacifier"). To this "can be traced many cases of adenoids, mis-shapen faces and jaws." Strict attention should also be paid to the child's first teeth.

The house fly is regarded by medical men to be very deadly on account of its germ-carrying power in its hairy legs. Infantile paralysis is now traced to the fly. The time may come when housekeepers will be fined for harboring house flies.

Mothers are also warned not to overfeed babies. This is worse than underfeeding them. Three babies die from overfeeding to one from underfeeding.

The following is the closing sentence of a recent editorial in the *North American* on the liquor traffic: If to the other evils for which it must answer—wrecked homes, widows, fatherless children and crowded asylums and jails—there is added the responsibility for the degradation and enslavement to vice of uncounted women, there is no power on earth that will be able to save it from annihilation.

The report says that only 1453 coal miners were killed in eight months in 1912.

A Roman Catholic priest who is reported to have established a matrimonial bureau in his parish in a western city says that out of 17,000 letters received nearly 85 per cent. were from women. A majority of the women set forth wealth as

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A young man was talking boastfully and smartly how he had no need of the formal service of the Church. He went into the woods and worshiped there. An old, gray-haired gentleman who heard him talk humorously asked him what he did when it rained.

We hear now and then men wise in their own eyes talking about nature as if she were their bosom friend, and knowing all about her. "Oh, that is nature," they say, as if this explained everything. Here are just two small items in nature which ought to stagger and confound them. Sir William Herschel, with his 40-foot reflector, saw stars whose light he believed had taken two million years to reach the earth. A ray of light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles a second. Or take the other item. Astronomers are measuring distances by using a celestial yardstick of six thousand million miles long; that is the distance which a beam of light travels in twelve months. That is nature.

It is very gratifying to read of the organization of a "Clean Language League of America." The gentlemen who incorporated this league believe that we should have pure words as well as pure food. Profanity and obscenity is a national disgrace. We should like to see the time when both profanity as well as drunkenness are made a punishable offense. A man has no more right to hurt the feelings of his neighbor, or to cause his wife and children to suffer by his drinking than he has a right to steal or rob.

Our choir has a splendid opportunity for good co-operative and useful work. Whether they will grasp this opportunity for the good of the Church will depend upon the value they place in worshiping God in the beauty of holiness. Let us hope that our boys and girls will place a very high value on their service thus given to the Church.

Our Council will meet on Saturday evening, April 8. Some very important business will be laid before the Council, and it is to be hoped that all the members will be present.

A hearty invitation is extended to all men to visit our Men's Club on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. This evening is the regular meeting of the club and visitors are very welcome. There are great possibilities in a club like ours.

If our Woman's Bible Class under the direction of Mrs. Robert S. Bright continues to grow as it does, our Men's Bible Class will have to work harder to keep their own. Certainly, in percentage of attendance the women have beaten our men already. And what will it be when the women get equal suffrage? There is no telling what Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes they will build up.

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OLD CHAPEL NEWS.

Easter at the Chapel was most joyous. The Sunday School children, directed by Miss Coulter, led by the Chapel choir in their vestments, under the direction of Mr. Barnes, sang heartily the Easter hymns and carols in the afternoon. The Lenten offering of the Sunday School will amount to $38. This is more than last year. We are very proud of our Sunday School and of our company of teachers, only we wish there were more of them.

The evening service was very bright and helpful. The choir did splendidly, assisted by Mr. Sheard, who sang two solos to the delight of the congregation. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers under the management of Mrs. Karcher and the Flower Committee. The Easter offering of the congregation amounted to $31 00, which is one-third more than last year. A very pleasant feature of the offering was the gift of $5.00 from the baby organization of the Chapel, the Social Club.

On March 25 the Guild held a splendid meeting, at which definite plans were arranged for the supper to be given on Monday evening, April 7. The Girls' Friendly Society, who met on the same evening, and who are doing a splendid work under the leadership of Miss Ott, added much to the Guild meeting. Miss Olive Brown's presence, former associate member of the G. F. S., added much to the pleasure of the company.

The Social Club is planning to give a Mock Trial. It is entitled "Philadelphia Justice." It is a unique entertainment with much in it to make people laugh.

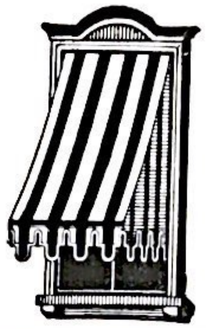
Now that the fence is completed we look hopefully towards the laying of the new floor in the small room of the basement which might be utilized to good advantage. The Sunday School will materially profit by this needed improvement.

Have in mind Monday evening, April 7th, and come to our Sauer Kraut Supper, which has become quite famous and attractive.

We are very much indebted to Mr. George H. Streaker for an illustrated lecture on the life of Christ, which he gave in the Chapel Tuesday evening, March 18.

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On April 1st, the Girls' Friendly Society held a Social in the basement of the Chapel arranged by Miss Ott, their secretary. It was the most tastefully arranged social ever given at the chapel There were 22 members present in spite of the pouring rain and the arrangement was quite a surprise to the girls. Think of how much joy and happiness girls can have in clean places. The Church should provide the clean entertainments for them. They belong to girls. There is nowhere a better lot of girls than the members of the G. F. S. of the Old Chapel.



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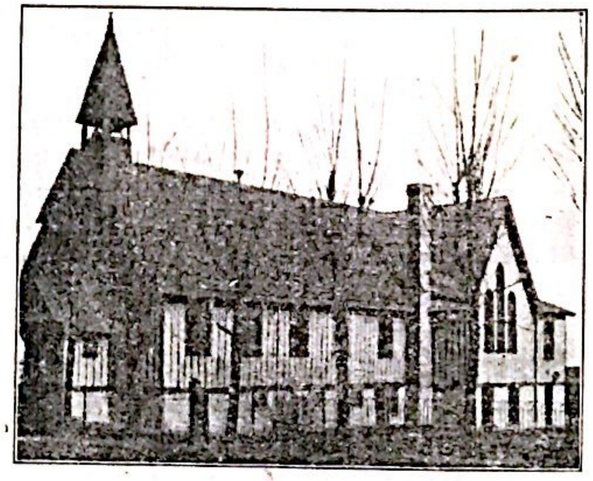
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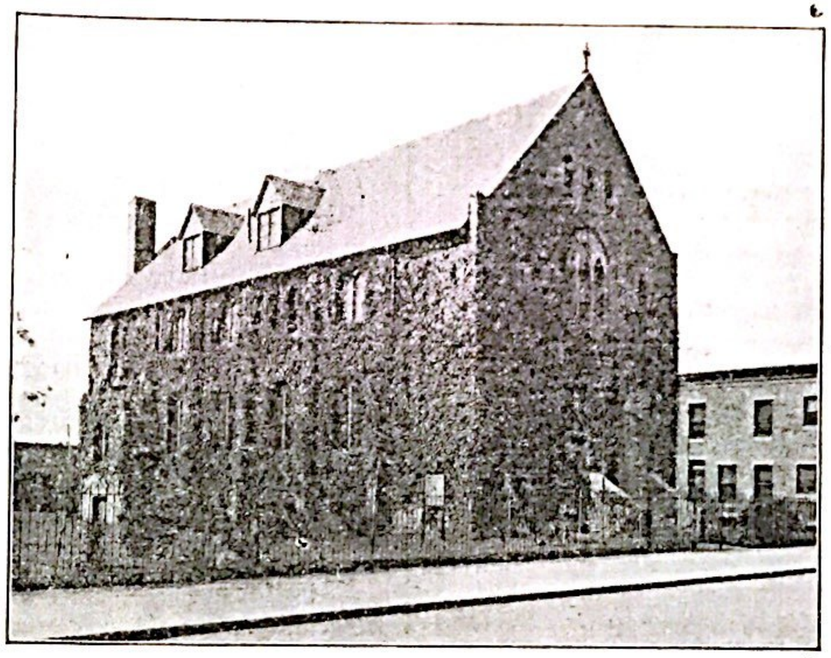
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PRAYER.

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It was the intention of the writer to entitle this editorial LIFE, because the last editorial was entitled DEATH. These two, after all, are what we are most interested in. We are especially interested in LIFE, because it is that which *is*. DEATH is ceasing to be. We cannot therefore be interested in that which is not. When we mourn the dead we surely mourn some one who *is*. We call them dead not in the sense of ceasing to be, but in the sense of a change of being; and being is some form of LIFE. So, after all, there is but one, namely, LIFE. Life here; Life hereafter.

Now, Life lives on the source whence it comes. The source of our life is God. We live indeed if we are in close communion with God the source of our life. And the way to maintain this communion is by Prayer. Prayer, then, is the channel of Life. Our Lord loved to liken Himself to a vine and His disciples to its branches. "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. If a man abideth not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15: 5, 6.) That is to say, they cease to exist. When communication with God ceases, life ceases.

According to the Scriptures when God created this universe it took shape and form at His command "Let there be." "Let there be light;" "Let there be a firmament." "Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place." "Let there be lights in the firmament;" "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures . . . and the fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." The vegetables and animal kingdoms were created in the same way. But when it came to man the Bible says: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," to have dominion over and rule the earth and all that thereon is. In the second chapter of Genesis there is a somewhat different version of the creation of man, but the same truth. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and he became a living soul." Thus it is plainly seen that when we speak of our life, it is a different life from life as applied to things and animals. Their life means existence, being; but our life is the life of a living soul, possessing some of God Himself in us. A man may depart from this world and live; and another man may be seen on the street walking, and yet be dead. When we speak of life, therefore, we mean the divine life within us; a godly life which is necessarily a creative life, a helpful life, and edifying life, a life that builds and improves, a life that beautifies; a life that does not absorb but gives out; a life of self-annihilation, but of sacrifice, a constructive life, a creative life; in short, a godly life. To keep such a life in existence, in other words, to be really alive, we must keep in constant communion with God, and Prayer is the only way by which the Lord's parable of the vine and its branches may be realized in us.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

THE TONGUE.

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The tongue is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire! And the tongue is a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of nature, and is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things, and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed by mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. . . . Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom is not a wisdom that cometh down from above, but is earthly, sensual, demoniacal. For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion and every vile deed. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without variance, without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.—*St. James.*

CALENDAR.

In this month our Church celebrates three great feast days; the Calendar for May is as follows:

1. Thursday, Ascension Day.
4. Sunday after Ascension Day.
11. Whitsunday.
14, 16, 17. Ember days.
18. Trinity Sunday.
25. First Sunday after Trinity.

Christian people should honor these great feast days by their presence at the Lard's Table and by evidences of their devotion to the Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It was a grand and uplifting sight at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Thursday evening, April the 24th, at the anniversary service of the Girls' Friendly Society. For the first time in our memory there was not room enough for the members on the main floor of the Church, and several branches had to be sent up to seats in the galleries. The Minister, who sat in the chancel with other clergymen, was unsuccessful in suppressing a sense of

pride which leaped at the appearance of St George's banner in the procession. Our girls also were proud to hear words of admiration for our banner uttered by members of other branches. It should be remembered that it was Miss Olive Brown who got this banner for our girls some nine years ago, and it is still beautiful, and more so as time goes on. Surely, our girls will look to it as their rallying point.

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As the summer is coming quite rapidly, and vacation season is approaching, our boys and girls are asked to look ahead, and inform their respective leaders of their plans for a vacation. The Minister is anxious to help all our children to some sort of summer outing This also applies to older people Please do not wait until the last day of the season.

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Keep alive the missionary spirit by using the red envelope in your weekly collections. It need not be much, but only according to your ability. For this it will be given cheerfully, and God loves a cheerful giver

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The old warning still says that ministers sins are usually had to discovered by scientific research as follows: Jonathan Edwards was a great preacher. He was born in 1703. Among his descendants are 1 Vice-President, 3 United States Senators, 12 college presidents, 60 physicians, 100 clergymen, 75 army and navy officers, 65 college professors, 60 prominent authors, 100 lawyers, 30 judges, and 80 public office holders. On the other hand, there was a shiftless and drinking man by name Max Jukes, born in 1720. Among his descendants 310 were found in the poorhouse, 300 died in childhood, 440 were viciously diseased, 400 physical wrecks, 50 notorious bad women, 7 murderers, 60 habitual thieves averaging 12 years in jail. Only 20 had trades. Of these 10 learned them in prison. The estimated cost to the State caused by this family, up to 1877, was $1,250,000. By an inexorable law laid down in the Second Commandment the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate God, and mercy is shown unto thousands in them that love God and keep His commandments.

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When the late Mr. John Pierpont Morgan wrote his will he began it as follows:

"I commit my soul into the hands of my Savior in full confidence that, having redeemed and washed it in His most precious blood, He will present it faultless before the throne of my Heavenly Father; and I entreat my children to maintain and defend, at all hazards and at any cost of personal sacrifice, the blessed doctrine of the complete atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ once offered, and through that alone."

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The city of Chicago has established a court of domestic relations. Thirty-six hundred and ninety-nine cases of domestic troubles were brought before this court in one year. It was found by the judge that 42 per cent. of trouble in families was due to drinking. Only 11 per cent. was due to ill temper; and 6 per cent. to wife's parents. The proverbial mothers-in-law are dying out.

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Our Girl's Friendly Society has taken up its work in earnest, under the guidance of Miss Corson. There are nowhere girls who excel our members in quality. Their next social will be held Monday evening, May 5th. At this social the G. F. S. of the Old Chapel will be the guests of St. George's, Richmond. A very pleasant and helpful entertainment is sure to be when these girls come together.

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Through an oversight Miss Anna Abrahamson, George Walter, and Harold Pedersen, in order of distinction, were omitted from the list of honor printed in the previous number of the Visitor. The editor greatly appreciates correction.

We are constrained from time to time to plead for more teachers in the Sunday School. We are told that this is the cry everywhere, as if this answer helps the matter any. We have never been created and born to be like others. We would rather have a full staff of teachers, and have others point to us as an example than for us to find our consolation in commiseration with those who have not. We appeal to the loyalty of our members and the kindness of our friends to come and help us in the noble work of the Sunday School.

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If you have a boy with a good voice have him join our choir rehearsals to be fitted for the choir. The Minister happened to meet a very prominent man holding a big federal office in this city, and the first thing this gentleman boasted of with great satisfaction was that he in boyhood sang in the choir of the Episcopal Church. To sing in a church choir is a great honor. It is to have a place next to the chancel, and lead the congregation in the worship of God. We have also need of tenors and basses and altos. We want a grand choir. Our organist, Master Walter Seifert and Choirmaster Mr. Philip Becker, deserve for their faithful and efficient services the respect and encouragement of every member of our congregation.

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In a talk to mothers on baby's food, Dr. W. B. Griggs warned mothers against the use of patent foods for their babies, because these foods lack the very things needed by babies. They are, however, good to strengthen sick babies after the baby has passed its ninth month. Rain barley water should be given to young babies, but the milk should be sweetened with milk sugar. Home pasteurization of milk was urged. Babies must not be wrapped too warmly with the approach of warmer weather.

The Visitor would remind mothers also of the injury to babies wheeled in go-carts without shad-

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

No.		
523,	April 13	Alice Alfreda Hansen
524,	" 13,	George Albert Schoell
525,	" 13,	Margaret Hesser
526,	" 20,	Charles Henry Saybolt
527,	" 20,	Martha Saybolt
528,	" 20,	Catherine Toomey
529,	" 23,	John Kirchenmann
530,	" 23	Frederick Kirchenmann
531,	" 23,	Amanda Keebler
532,	" 23,	Edna Pearl Schaeler
533,	" 23,	Mabel Keebler
534,	" 23,	Blanche Viola Keebler
535,	" 23,	Florence May Keebler
536,	" 30,	Edgar Russel Stevens

MARRIAGES

No.		
91,	April 8,	Paul Brown Dean and Margaret Ross MacDonald
92.	April 16,	Christian Schlegel and Pearl Beatrix Robertson
93,	April 16.	John Anderson and Marie Christina Holmstrom

ing of the child's eyes from the glare of the skies, or the sun.

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Judge Ryan, of the Children's Court, in New York, declares that "movies" are making thieves of hundreds of children in the city every year. It is not the pictures which do the work, but the temptation of the child to go to the show often leads him or her to steal either from the parents or employer. Surely, no one, no matter how godless, can say the same thing of Sunday Schools; and yet the shows are more liberally supported by parents than the Church and the Sunday School.

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It has been calculated that the offspring of one female fly may be 14,067,792,000,000,000 flies at the end of the twelfth generation, if they all lived. The official bulletin issued by the American Civic Federation, and quoted by the *North American*, says: Flies kill a greater number of human beings than all the beasts of prey, with all the poisonous serpents added. They spread diseases which slay thousands, while big, powerful beasts kill single victims. All the germs —all imaginable abominable microbes—fasten themselves on the spongy feet of the fly. . . . He wipes his feet on the food that you eat, on the faces and on the lips of your sleeping children. He does more to spread typhoid fever and cholera infantum and other intestinal diseases than any other cause. Infantile paralysis is spread by the fly.

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The Minister would greatly appreciate any call or information sent about any sick persons to be visited, or needy to be helped.

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The Council, representing both this congregation and the Chapel, will meet the second Saturday evening, May 10th, at 8 o'clock sharp, on the second floor of the Parish House. A full attendance is expected. There are many things to be talked over, among which is the matter of our Sunday School annual picnic, and the management of our quarterly guild meetings. There may be some petitions to consider.

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Now that our girls of the Junior Auxiliary, No. 1, have an efficient leader, they have taken a hold of their work in earnest. Owing to the difficulty of the play they have planned, it was decided to postpone it for the present, and devote the time to the objects of the Auxiliary.

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The younger girls of the Junior Auxiliary, No. 2, who meet on Monday afternoons, are certainly prospering. An interesting feature in this lovely society are the aids, splendid girls of 13, aiding in the order and work of their younger sisters.

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On Tuesday, May 6th, our Diocesan Convention will open its meeting about 2 P. M. at the Church of St. Luke's and the Epiphany. In the morning there will be the celebration of the Holy Communion, and the Bishop will deliver his address. The Diocesan Convention is made up of all the clergy of the Diocese and four laymen from each parish. Missions have no lay representation. This convention meets annually to transact all the diocesan business. Makes its own by-laws, or canons, as they are called; listens to reports from treasurers of the different institutions, elects new boards for the several Diocesan institutions, admits such Missions as are ready to become parishes, listens to the reports of the Bishops and their recommendations, and to the reports of the Deans of the several Convocations as to the conditions of Missions under their jurisdiction; and elects four clerical and four lay delegates to represent this Diocese at the General Convention of the whole Church, which is held every three years. This year the General Convention will be held in New York in the month of October. This great body is the legislature of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the whole country.

The Diocesan Convention is presided over by the Bishops of the Diocese, the clergy and lay members meet together in one room but vote separately. A motion is passed only when it receives a majority of votes both of the laity and clergy. The General Convention is made up of two houses corresponding to our Legislature in Washington. The lay and clerical delegates meet in one house, which is called the house of deputies, presided over by a clergyman elected by the house; and the Bishops form a house of their own, presided over by the oldest Bishop in our Church. Measures are passed only when the two houses agree upon them.

CHAPEL NOTES.

Beginning with the first Sunday this month, Mr. George E. Sladen will succeed Mr. Paul S. Atkins in the work of the Chapel. Mr. Atkins has been pre-eminently suc-

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On Monday evening, April 7th, a most successful sauer kraut supper was held at the Chapel. Fully two hundred people were present, and the net proceeds amounted to $25. The success was usually due to Mrs. Kercher and her aids, Minnie Oechsle, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Owens, Ida Hill, ably seconded by "the Chapel's friend," Mr. Blatz, and Messrs. Pogson and Kercher. Music was generously furnished by Mr. Paul Wolf and his son Paul.

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There is in the senior department of the Sunday School a lively contest for the possession of the Sunday School banner, which goes to the class excelling in attendance and collection. Thus far Class No. 2, Miss Claire Augustine, teacher, composed of boys, has been in the lead, having held the banner eleven times, with Class No. 1 as second, having held the banner three times: Mr. Pogson, teacher. At present the boys are far in advance of the girls. One of the most interesting classes is the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class, Mr. Kercher, director. Several members have attended the sectional conferences of the Bible Classes and came back filled with enthusiasm for what they had seen and heard. There is a great oportunity of increasing the class in membership.

Mr. Charles Seemueller is rendering most valuable service to the Sunday School as secretary.

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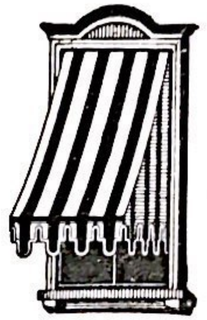
Under the untiring and systematic efforts of Miss Katherine C. Coulter the Primary Department, which is the larger part of the Sunday School, is steadily growing.

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At the monthly Guild meeting, April 29th, final measures were taken to complete the laying of the floor in the front basement. A committee also was appointed to arrange for the annual strawberry festival, to be held in the near future.

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One of the most enjoyable entertainments at which more than two hundred people attended, mostly young men and girls, was the Kaffee Klatch, given by the Girls' Friendly Society, of the Chapel, for the benefit of the Kindergarten, April 23d. It was managed most successfully by Miss Ethel A. Ott, both teacher of the Kindergarten and secretary of the G. F. S. The Chapel has become the social centre of Venango. There is a work to be done for our people in that locality which the genius of our Church alone can do.



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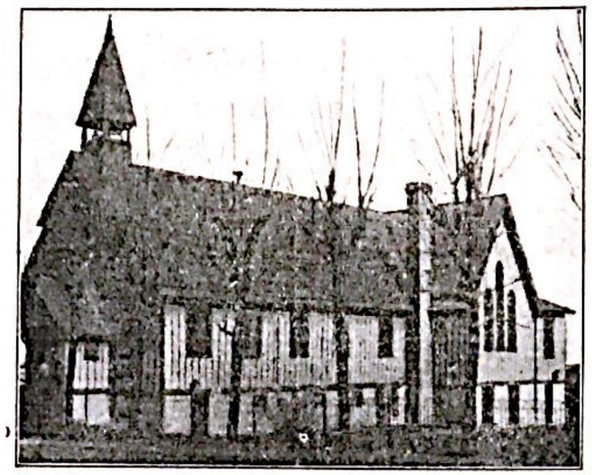
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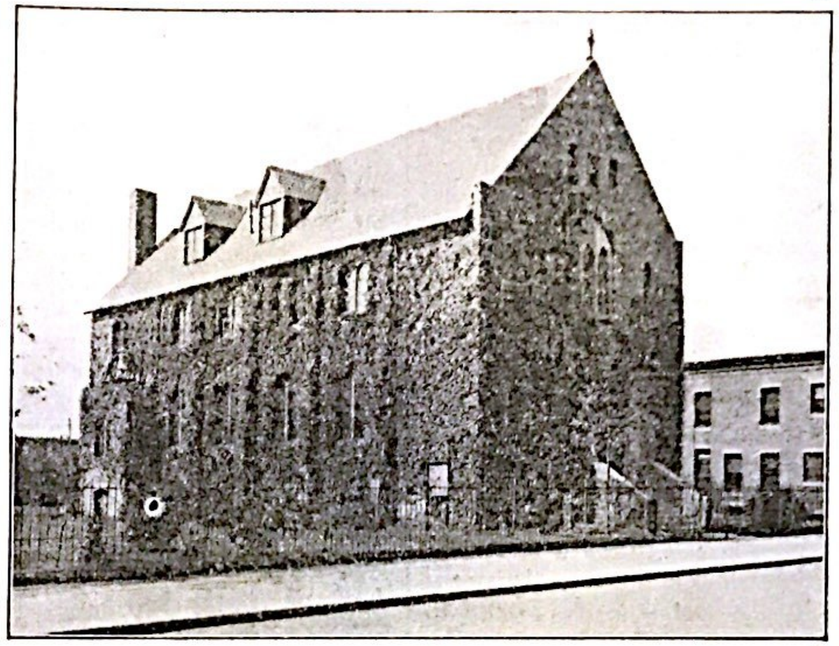
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THE CHURCH.

The only excuse for this editorial is that the VISITOR does not wish to be counted as one behind the times. He does not mind *being* such; for he does not really see the difference between a first century Christian and a twentieth century Christian; but who wants to be *thought* behind the times? So, he, too, though very reluctantly, and indeed with some aversion to the whole subject, is going to touch the much-talked-of question of the change of the name of the Church. But only to touch upon it, and with fervent hope that this will be read only by St. George's parishioners and their neighbors, and that no bishop, priest or deacon may see it, lest it may influence their views on this question, which is very far from the VISITOR's intention.

Frankly speaking there are two sides of this question as there are to all questions. Wladislaw Gonczsarkovikowski, who had no trouble in owning his name in his native land, when he comes to this country he finds it convenient to change his name to Joe Smith; and who can blame him? Would you not do the same; or at least tempted to do it?

On the other hand: there are many George Washingtons and Abraham Lincolns in the penitentiary to-day; and there is good reason to think that they would have been there under any other names. Except, therefor, for business convenience after the manner of the Polish or Jewish immigrant, a change of name is of very little value. If the VISITOR had the presumption of considering himself an authority on changing names he would venture to advise to leave the name alone until the objectionable part of it becomes so useless and dead that it will drop off, as a dead leaf drops from a tree. Or, inasmuch as the feminine gender is so often applied to the Church, let her do as the woman does: she does not change her name till she gets married. It will be time to talk of a change of name when the question of Union or Unity is settled upon.

But what the VISITOR feels constrained to talk about is the value of the Church to the people as it is; and the importance of understanding its character. For unless we think upon it, and know its nature, we shall not value it as we ought, and therefore shall not support it as we ought.

It would be much better for us if we followed the example of the early Christians. They called the Church "The Lord's Family," or "The Lord's Household," or "The Lord's Assembly," or, for short, "The Lord's." Of course, they spoke Greek, and in Greek it is "Kyriakon." The Germans, coming later, tried their best to adopt this beautiful and meaningful word; but only succeeded as far as "Kirche," and some of them even "Kirk." Then came the Anglo-Saxon, or English. They, too, liked the name, but they could not master it till they had softened the

letter "k" into "ch," and so it became "church." But the meaning is the same. How much better it would have been if each nation did as the Greeks did, to call things in a language understood by the people.

Thus, in America, we would no more say "Let us go to Church," but, "Let us go to the Lord's Family." "I have been baptized and was made a member of the Lord's Household." Think how hard it would have been to tack onto this name the many denominational labels. They would fall off; they would not stick. But you can easily fasten them on the word "Church." Any name will stick to this. This is the reason also why so many people only use the word "Church" for convenience. It means everything and it means nothing. It is a she, and a they, and a he, to suit the oratorical phrases of the speaker. But how different it is if you know what you are talking about, namely, "The Lord's Family, or Household."

But what makes the Lord's Family? The answer is found in the words of our Lord Himself and of His Apostles. "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." In the words, "This do in remembrance of me," he ordained the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We find that soon after His Ascension the disciples came together at stated times for Common Prayer; that they observed the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; that they sent Apostles, who were the overseers, or Bishops, of Christian communities, to administer the Rite of Confirmation to all those who had been baptized. It was our Lord's will that His family spread and cover the world. He called it the Kingdom of God; and He taught us not only to work for it but also to pray for it in "Thy Kingdom come." This is what is commonly called the Church. What would it happen if Christians, including all the Clergy of the world, would by some strange cause forget their denominational labels and all the fights of the past, and could only remember the original name of the Church, namely, "The Lord's Household?" They say such forgetting of the past follows sometimes after a serious illness. If this be so, they will have to be very, very sick before these Christian people can forget their past differences.

CONFIRMATION.

O God Holy Ghost, to whom it belongeth to give efficacy to the Word preached, and to convince mankind of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment; We beseech thee in mercy to give special grace to him who shall speak and to those who shall hear in our House of God. Do thou take of the things of Christ and show them unto those who believe not, that so they may be ready with joy to make confession of Jesus the only Saviour and enter the ranks of his soldiers and servants. May all the members

and friends of our congregation, the household of God, show their love for God by their loyal service rendered to men. May we all work together for the increase of our numbers and the growth of our influence for good by helping to add to our coming Confirmation Class. Grant this, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

The following is a summary of our Parochial Report for May 1, 1912, to May 1, 1913. The report for the Old Chapel is given elsewhere in this issue. Baptised 12 adults and 42 infants; confirmed, 30; added by transfer, 24; present number of communicants, 278; Sunday School officers and teachers, 31; scholars, 445. Total receipts, $5,294.63; total expenditures, $5,297.18. Going back to the report of 1902 it reads as follows: Baptised 2 adults and 11 infants; total number of communicants 96; total membership in Sunday School, 209. Total receipts, $1,-611.46; expenditures, $1,118.65. The Missonary began work in St. George's in November, 1901. It should be noted that there is still another report of the Old Chapel elsewhere in this issue which should be added to the report of this year just quoted in order to see the exact growth of St. George's within the last eleven years. Only those who have lived here know the obstacles in the way which had to be overcome to get these results. The estimated value of the property of St. George's eleven years ago was about $2,000. It is now about $35,-000.

The Girls' Friendly Society is to join the Old Chapel Branch in corporate communion at the Old Chapel, Edgemont and Venango streets, June 1, at 8 A. M.

St. George's has always sought to be of real service to the people of this neighborhood irrespective of persons, but especially to those people to whom the task of making a living is not a bed of roses. Among the things done may be mentioned our Coal Savings Fund and Stamp Savings Fund. In this building the doors are open for deposits every Saturday from 8 to 9 A. M., and in the Old Chapel every Tuesday from 9 to 9.30 A. M. At present the receipts at both places for both funds average about $100 weekly. St. George's Church rejoices in being able to be of service, at the same time it looks for co-operation and encouragement from those who feel its usefulness in order that it might become even more useful in the community.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

This is to be the grandest Sunday School picnic ever given in Richmond. Our committee, appointed by the Council, Messrs. Bingham, Sladen and Pogson, have just signed an agreement with the new management of Washington Park Transportation Company which promises the cleanest and most accommodating excursion ever given. Last year it has been demonstrated that not even a sign of intemperance marred the enjoyment of our people, and we had all the comfort we could wish for, with splendid transportation accommodations. The greatest thing about the coming picnic is that it makes possible for our families and friends to give their children a good time with little expense, and it is the interests of the children that we are looking after.

The committee has chosen July 31 for the picnic. Boats will leave Allegheny Avenue Wharf at 8.30 A. M. and 1 P. M. Returning at 6 and 7 P. M. for Allegheny Avenue Wharf. Tickets, 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children; for children under 6, free.

Our Council meets every second Saturday evening in the month. It takes the place of a vestry in St. George's. Any matter relating to the welfare of our Church should be brought up before this Council. Any problems arising among the various societies with regard to the use of rooms, etc., should be brought before the Council. It consists of men representing both Missions and women representing the several Guilds.

On May 5 something very beautiful took place in St. George's. The Richmond Branch of the G. F. S. held their social and entertained the Venango Branch, twenty strong led by Miss Ethel A Ott, secretary. It did the minister's heart good to see the sociable gathering of our best girls of both Missions.

Another most beautiful feature took place in St. George's on May 8 in the afternoon. It was a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Bloshefield, one of the most faithful members of our Guild. This custom of celebrating the birthdays of the members of the Guild under the roof of the church is beautiful and meaningful. We all wish Mrs. Bloshefield a long and happy life.

The young ladies of our Sunday School have decided to form themselves into a Young Ladies' Bible Class, and have joined the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class movement. This will entitle them to all the privileges and honors of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes, and the freedom of the Summer Home and all its entertainments. It is with suppressed joy that the VISITOR makes this record in the history of St. George's.

There is a visible quickening in the lives of all our young people's societies, preeminently so among the girls. The spirit of devotion is being strengthened which bodes well for the future. There are about from 30 to 40 little girls who meet in the basement every Monday afternoon. It is a delight to see them work and play and hear them sing. They are the younger members of the Junior Auxiliary. The older members meet on Friday evening. They, too, are doing splendid work.

Our appeal for Sunday School teachers in the last issue must have done some good, since several of the best of our young ladies and some young men have taken a hold of the work of the Sunday School, and we have secured four more

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
537, May 11, Dorothy Rose Beck
538, " 21, Ruth Etta Schumann
539, " 22, Louis William Frugoli
540, " 25, William Thomas Hillis
541, " 25, Mariana Maxwell

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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
229, May 11, Annie E. Measing
230, " 19, Anna Elizabeth Gusell
231, " 25, Charles Sedergram

teachers. Three more have applied for the task. This is as it ought to be. Such a spirit is an evidence of sincere devotion to the Church and a love to do good. Our Lord said: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

On Thursday, June 5, at 8 P. M. the Men's Club is to give our people a great treat. It is to be a strawberry festival preceded by stereopticon views of Labrador where Dr. Grenfel, the great missionary, is working. The pictures will be shown by Mr. Fallon, who has been helping Dr. Grenfel for some time and is going there again this summer.

On May the 22d Mr. Streaker kindly gave an illustrated lecture on the making of a ship after which the audience was treated to a kaffee klatch by the members of the choir for the benefit of the Church. It was a great success and the people were so delighted with the entertainment that they offered to come again. Here is a chance for our Men's Club to make itself famous.

The following from the *Parish Leaflet* of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill:

"It is not easy to explain in a few words the multitude of evils which proceed from the tongue. It is a sentence pronounced by the Holy Spirit, that much speaking is never exempt from sin. The habit of speaking much is a souce of vice, and a sign of ignorance and folly. In vain does he who cannot bridle his tongue, labor to acquire the gift of prayer, peace of heart, and union with God; he will never succeed. Christian soul! if thou wilt advance in perfection and in the love of God, I cannot say to thee too often, Speak little, speak low, speak without excitement, speak but when necessary, speak not ever uncharitably, speak meekly, speak with simplicity, speak truthfully, speak without affectation, without precipitation, without vanity; speak when thou oughtest to speak, and keep silence when thou shouldest keep it."

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Boxes with partly used clothing and shoes for our store would be very much appreciated. Will our friends who read this look about their households and see what they might spare for our rummage sales?

One of the problems which confronts our Council is how to improve the income of the Church. It is the custom everywhere that every one who considers himself or herself a member of the Church should contribute towards the support of the Church to the best of his or her ability. This is right. We have now about 280 members, and only about 180 are regular contributing members. If every one would do his duty towards the Church the task of the Council would be materially lessened. Our people should take the welfare of the Church more to heart. We should not depend wholly on raising money by entertainments, but every one should feel disposed to practice a little self-denial for a great cause. We should not forget the principle of our religion which is *giving*. We *raise* money by festivals and fairs, but we *give* money for God's sake by devotion and prayer. The question foremost in our minds should be: Is the Church worth while? If it is, it is worth all the support we can give it. There is our envelope system which affords to every one an opportunity of giving towards the support of the Church. No one will be the richer for withholding his support, nor will his liberality to the Church make him poorer. It is really a matter of being reminded of it; when the subject is thought of, we solution is very simple. You go to the treasurer and ask for a set of envelopes for your weekly use, and all is well.

Who will start the Light and Heat Fund this year?

There is in the Rectory Fund $113.10. In the Church Building Fund $512. Received interest on deposit, $13.36; total on hand, $525.36.

This is what a doctor says to mothers: Do not let the children get near the matches, and do not let them build bonfires. There is no more horrible suffering than that of a burn. In case the child gets burned in any manner, apply equal parts of linseed oil and lime water to the exposed parts. Use olive oil if you have not the other. Should you find the child in flames, roll him on the ground at once to smother the flames.

Mothers should keep away from the child all the things which he is liable to swallow, such as shoe buttons, pennies, hairpins, etc. When peas or beans are snuffed up into the nose, induce sneezing by the liberal use of pepper.

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present membership, 79. Present membership in Sunday School, 216. Total receipts, $751.19; expenditures, $765.19. Add this report to the one given elsewhere for St. George's Richmond, and contrast the totals with those of the report for 1912 quoted above, and you will have the exact increase of St. George's for the last eleven years.

As we go to press notice is given of the entertainment given by the Social Club of the Chapel, which is advertised as "A Mock Trial," entitled "Philadelphia Justice." The young people have been rehearsing faithfully, and much amusement and merry wit is promised. The notice reads: Hear ye! Hear ye! All persons having business with the Court of the Commonwealth of Venango, will present themselves promptly at eight o'clock at the Court Room, East Venango and Edgemont Streets, on Wednesday evening, May 28, 1913.

The Social Club has secured a tennis outfit, and expects to make good use of the lawn this summer, during the week and Saturday afternoons.

The Girls' Friendly Society, a splendid body of chosen young ladies, has volunteered to repair the Prayer Books and Hymnals where pages are loose or missing. Here is a hint for our girls at St. George's Richmond.

The Sunday School is flourishing, and a friendly rivalry continues for the possession of the banner, as a reward of good attendance and offering. Class No. 3, George Oechsle, teacher, has been the banner class for the month of May.

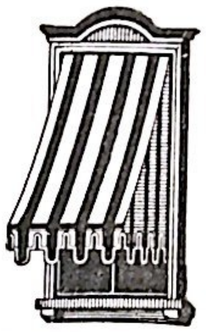
On May 25 two new classes were added to the Main Department, promoted from the Primary Department. Miss Sadie Hanson, with 18 scholars, and Miss Helen Hewitt, with 13.

Look out for the Block Party, given by the Kindergarten Mothers for the benefit of the Kindergarten, Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, on Richmond and Venango Streets. A general invitation is extended to all to come to the help of our little ones. They are the dearest treasure we have. The Block Party is managed by the most excellent teacher, Miss Ethel A. Ott. All the ladies of Venango are asked to do their parts cheerfully, for this Block Party is to be the greatest success yet had.

The LEMON HILL Excursion for the children of our neighborhood will take place on Saturday, July 5. Owing to limited facilities this year accommodations for only 1000 children are made. We are to get ten cars. The arrangements are the same as last year.

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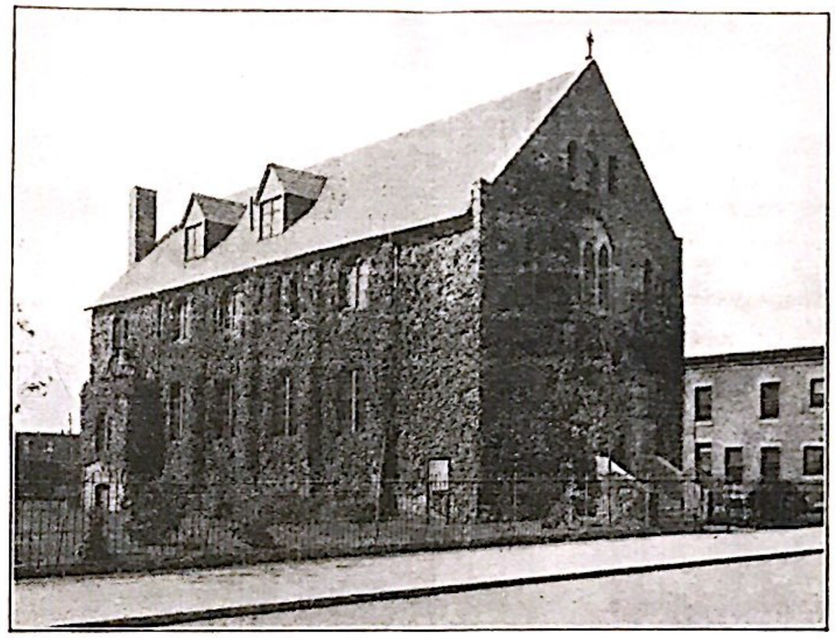
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My Dear Parishioners:

This is a proper question for each one of us; and it is not becoming to shirk it. I would plead with you therefore to seek out a cool place and convenient hour so that you might the more earnestly as well as more comfortably read and digest the following propositions:

1. Our life is made up of means and ends; that is to say, we are constantly after some things and the ways of getting those things. And when we think of it, it is, after all, *one* thing that we all want, and that thing is happiness, which is not a thing at all, but a condition of mind. At any rate, it is the *end* we seek, and all other things are but means to be cast aside as soon as the end is attained. Mark you, there may be many ways, but one destination. There may be various methods, but one object. There may be diversity of efforts, but one aim, and that *aim* is *happiness*. And I verily believe that it is in accordance with the will of God our Creator. He predestined us for happiness. It is He who set this aim, this end, before us. Our one object, one aim, one end in life, then, is happiness. An end is not an end unless it is permanent. Temporary happiness, therefore, is not happiness at all. Temporary happiness is not our object. We seek after permanent happiness, for this alone is the end of our life. To be sure we enjoy temporary happiness; but if this does not contribute to permanent happiness, it is to be discarded, for it only deceives us, and robs us of the very thing we are after. Sinful pleasures invariably have this element of deceit. They rob us of our real object in life, namely, permanent happiness.

Our great danger, then, is the mistaking of the means for the end.

Eating is enjoyable, and we should eat well; but eating in itself is but a means to an end. The end is to keep the body in good condition. But this also is a means, for the body does not last long. It is only a means to a higher end which is the edification, the building up, of the soul which lives for ever. When all things are made to contribute to the happiness of the soul then shall we be happy indeed. This is what our Lord meant when He said: Whosoever would save his life (mistaking the means for the end) shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world and forfeit his life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his life? (Mt. 16: 25, 26.) Life here means the soul which lives for ever. How stupid it is indeed for any one of us to give ourselves up to temporary pleasure at the expense of eternal happiness, the aim of our whole life.

2. My second proposition is that this principle of emphasizing the *end* and not the means should be our guide in our Church life as a congregation. The immediate end of a congregation is to build up and keep strong the Church which is the corporate body of Christian people. For it is through this channel alone that we can best attain to the ultimate end which is the eternal happiness of each and every soul. If we think anything at all of ourselves, our beloved ones, our children and young people; if we really love them, we should at all cost give our best efforts to the building up of the Church. The secret of strength is union, and the secret of union is sympathy, and the secret of sympathy is love.

In a Church, especially in our day, there are many means employed for its upbuilding. But the means must never be mistaken for the end. The end is the growth of the congregation in peace and godliness. No clothes, no groceries, no words, not even the weather, or our own temperature, should make us for one moment forget our great *end*, the *Church*, a united body of Christian people for the sake of Him who was willing to be crucified that we might be saved.

3. My third proposition is that you are the Church. You are God's family. Your Church is largely attended when you are present at its services, and it is poorly attended when you are absent. You are responsible for its dignity and humiliation, for its weakness or its strength. The Church is what its members are. The distemper of one member usually causes pain to all the other members who make up the Church, while the whole body is benefited by the kindly ministrations of each member. Is it not stupid for any member to spend his time in growling, snarling, and sulking when he can use this God-given time in praising, cheering and helping. In the former case he is neither good to himself nor to others; in the latter, he is twice happy himself and brings joy into the hearts of many.

4. And lastly, all corporate bodies, like our own bodies, have parasites, and so, I suppose, the body which is called the Church. These parasites cannot live without the body; but they live on the body. They may be called destroyers. They themselves build nothing; but are constantly sapping the lifeblood of the health-giving agencies. Their success is their own destruction. For when they succeed in killing the body they themselves must die. They owe their life and prosperity to the hard and good work of the builders. The prosperity of a Church therefore depends upon the number of builders that are in it, and not upon the number of parasites. But if there must be parasites let not you and me be counted among them.

Faithfully yours,

A. J. ARKIN,
Pastor.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1: 22.

The Bishop has appointed Friday evening, December 5, for the

Rite of Confirmation in this Church. This is a service to which our whole congregation should look forward with deep interest and devotion. Earnest prayer should be offered up, and every effort should be made, by every member of the congregation, that our Confirmation Class on the above date may be large in number and substantial in quality. The Minister will be very glad to receive applicants for Confirmation, and talk the matter over with those who are considering Confirmation.

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Thursday, June 19, was the occasion of a very pleasant gathering of the members of St. George's Guild. It was the celebration of the birthday of Mrs. James S. Dames by a splendid attendance of the members. The table was decorated with roses from our own garden, and the feast was lovely. There is nothing more Christian or more beautiful than such gatherings, and we trust there will be many of them. "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." (Rom. 12: 9-11.) Let this be the guiding spirit of our Guild the coming season.

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Our Drexel-Biddle Young Ladies' Bible Class is composed of two sections. One meets at 9 A. M. and the other at 2 P. M. every Sunday. The morning class is presided over by Miss Corson, and the afternoon class by Mrs. Gransback. Both sections are very promising.

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An athletic club for young people of the Church was formed to promote the practice in lawn tennis, captain ball, basketball, baseball, etc. The dues are 5 cents a week. Twenty girls are needed to form a well-organized active captain ball team, able to enter contests with other teams. Apply to Miss Corson.

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Splendid progress is made by the Juniors No. 2 on Monday afternoons under the direction of Miss Turner. The lawn is also used to good advantage on Friday afternoons by these bright little girls. Send your little girls to these classes; they are very profitable to the child.

OUR BLOCK PARTY.

Every society and guild is expected to do strenuous and faithful work for the success of the *block party*, Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. We have never failed, and the people are our friends. Success is ours. Go ahead with the grim determination to get there, and you will. Our friends are asked to be kind and liberal to our workers. Mr. Philip Becker is treasurer of the block party.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXCURSION.

Thursday, July 31, is the day. It will be the greatest excursion. Pray for fine weather. Provision has been made for 2,000 people, which number we expect to have. The children are uppermost in our

mind, and ample provision for their happiness has been made. Our boats will leave Allegheny Avenue Wharf for Washington Park at 8.30 A. M. and 1 P. M. Returning, leave the park at 6.15 and 7 P. M. Round-trip ticket for adults, 25 cents; for children, 10 cents. Children under six, free. Be sure to buy your amusement tickets from our Committee. Our five-cent tickets will be good for anything and anywhere in the park. Get these tickets from our Committee instead of from the stands. You will thus help the Church without any expense to yourself.

The following gracious letter, dated July 13, was received from our Bishop Rhinelander:

"I am very deeply touched by the kind and loving thought of your people at the two St. George's. Please thank them very heartily and give them my best blessing. They have given me hope and courage; and I pray God I may be worthy of their affection."

The ninety-second annual report of the Fuel Savings Society for 1912 reports St. George's handling more tons of coal than any other station; which means St. George's was instrumental in helping more families than any other agency of the society.

"Do less and love more" is a proper admonition to a person who takes great pains in boasting what he, or she, has done for the Church. No one can do enough for the Church without still remaining indebted to it. For the Church is the Lord's family. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me." Any person who is tempted to get weary of well doing for the Church, should think of what Christ has done for him through the Church.

Our choir is continuing the good work. More and more our young people are realizing the value of devotional singing in the Church and the responsibility of it. The choir needs more tenors and basses and also one or two altos. If there are such in our congregation we trust they will volunteer their services. The social feature of the choir is admirable.

The members of the Women's Bible Class have been invited by their teacher, Mrs. Bright, to spend an afternoon with her on Wednesday, July 9. In case of bad weather it is postponed to a clear day soon after the 9th. Something very pleasant is in store for them.

On Sunday evening, July 6, an impressive Admission Service was held at which thirteen young ladies were admitted into the Girls' Friendly Society, as follows: Misses Helen H. Corson, Laura Boysen, Katherine Swift, Emma Smith, Mary Woodworth, May McCoach, Mercedes Holland, Elizabeth Birney, and Marie White. The names of the others who belong to the Chapel Branch are given on another page under Chapel News.

The Drexel-Biddle Bible Class Home, Lansdowne, was the centre

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

542, June 1, Margaret Emma Simpson
543, " 1, Mary Emma Laney
544, " 1, James Morrow Laney
545, " 1, Evelyn Ruth Busler
546, " 7, Axel Emmanuel Ericsson
547, " 8, Katharine Sophia Huttenloch
548, " 22, Harry Burt Schaffer
549, " 22, George MacBride

MARRIAGES

94, June 18 { Wm Henry Schwendermann / Mary Jane Hunniford

95, July 3, { Matthew King / Mary Hayes

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

232, July 3, George Frederick Koehler
233, " 3, Walter Frederick Stricker
234, " 7, Mabel Walls

Baptism in Chapel

No. 1, June 8, Elsie Elizabeth Oechsle

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of a most enjoyable and profitable celebration of the Fourth. The most remarkable feature about the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class movement is that while others are talking, this Bible Class union is doing it.

On Saturday, July 5, we took out over 700 Richmond children in ten cars to Lemon Hill, where the Lemon Hill Association treated the children to amusements and games and ice cream. An awful rainstorm interfered with the service at the pavilion following the sports, and we all got a good sprinkling, but we all came home happy and refreshed.

Both branches of the G. F. S. united in a picnic at Chaumonix, Saturday, May 28; and a good time they certainly had. This continuous exchange of courtesies and the cultivation of fellowship among our two branches is bearing excellent fruit under the respective leadership of Miss Corson and Miss Ott, branch secretaries.

It is in the nature of the devil, that is, if there be such a gentleman, or such a lady, and judging from the surface of things, both of them seem to be quite alive—it is in the nature of the devil to discourage real good honest Christian work. He has one messenger who is exceedingly loyal to his satanic majesty. That is the mischief-making spirit. Most people call him she, or gossip. It is the business of this mischief-making spirit to misrepresent, misconstrue, instill suspicion, throw cold water, and in a general way try to discourage the earnest worker of good. Many weak workers yield to this spirit's intrigues, become disheartened and give up doing good; for who likes to be misunderstood and suffer the sting of ingratitude? So they give up good

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work and, like Achilles, sulk in their tents. Some of them gradually fall under the domination of that mischief-making spirit and they become her helpers. Then the devil applauds, and laughs loudest. This is the only reward the mischief-making spirit gets for her labors. But she is perfectly content with that. It is said that on the judgment day this spirit will not be admitted either into heaven or hell, for neither place wants her. The only good thing that can be said of her is that she serves as a good test to prove the mettle of the Church worker. If he can stand her test, he has caught the spirit of Christ.

Your attention is again called to the needs of the Church. The bills are coming in regularly in all sorts of weather. Please do not starve your Church. A good way to prevent such a thing is to set down and write out black on white the sums you contribute to the Church yearly, and compare them to the sums spent on pleasure and trifling things even. All our members should be regular weekly contributors by the envelope provided for this purpose; and both the black and the red should be used to the best of one's ability. Christ gave His life for the Church. It ought to cost us something. Let us practice a little more the Christian virtue of giving. This will make our lives more satisfactory to ourselves.

Suppose a man should say to 10,000 people: "Come, I will give you a fine time on Sunday, all sorts of fun; but, of course, you will pay your own expenses, but you will have a good time. The only thing I will require in return is: a half a dozen men and women drowned; a dozen girls ruined; a dozen young men made drunkards; a few homes broken up, and a few other odds and ends as the case may be. This will be my wages in return for the good time you will have." What would you think of that man; and how many people do you think would venture to accept this bargain? And yet that is what people do exactly Sunday after Sunday. Just think of the price they pay willingly; and yet they would stone the man who would make them such a proposition. They would regard the price paid outrageous and infamous. Yet judging from the reports of the newspapers on Monday morning, they are paying it cheerfully right along. No such terrible exaction is made by the observance of the Lord's Day. Not only does it save people from destruction, but gives them joy unspeakable, and strength for the *battle* of life on weekdays.

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An event of sweetness and loveliness took place in the Chapel on the evening of June 19, when the members of the Chapel Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society gave a reception to St. George's (Richmond) Branch. There were progressive games, and dancing, and ice cream and cake. What more could girls want? But above all was the beauty of friendliness and Christian sociability. It is much more pleasant to make one another joyous than to act like a clam or an oyster. When we bear one another's burden, by some unseen power our own burden disappears, or is made much lighter. This is a mystery, but it is a fact.

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At the Admission Service of the Girls' Friendly Society, Sunday evening, July 6, held in St. George's (Richmond), the following were made members of the Society: Misses Clarebelle Franklin, Sadie Seemuller, Catherine Bothner and Ethel A. Ott. The two branches are looking forward to a great work of united effort the coming fall.

CONFIRMATION.

The date assigned by the Bishop for Confirmation in the Chapel is Wednesday, November 12, at 8 P. M. The congregation is asked to pray and work for a good Confirmation Class. A good Confirmation Class means added power to the Church for more good work, and more good work by the Church means joy and happiness and more purity of life. Therefore let us all work together for a large Confirmation Class.

The Chapel choir now numbers seventeen. There has been a remarkable growth in this choir since Mr. Barnes moved into Venango. The most laudable thing that can be said of a choir is that it possesses a reverent and devotional spirit; and this can be said of the Chapel choir. Mrs. George E. Sladen has undertaken the duties of choir mother, in place of the excellent and Christian Miss Outen, who moved from the neighborhood.

Our Sunday School is doing magnificently in spite of the hot weather.

Get ready for the Sunday School picnic on July 31, and pray for good weather on that day; and sell all the tickets you can. Call for them either at Richmond or Venango. Remember not to buy your amusement tickets from the ground stands, but buy them from our Committee. Our *five-cent* tickets are good for anything anywhere on the grounds. The company has provided us with these tickets so that the Church might get the benefit of a percentage of all that is spent on the grounds. Look for the Committeemen. Sell all the tickets you can, and turn over the money to your treasurer.



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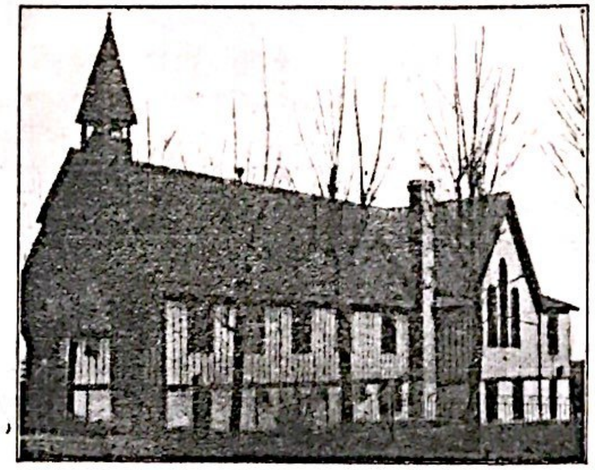
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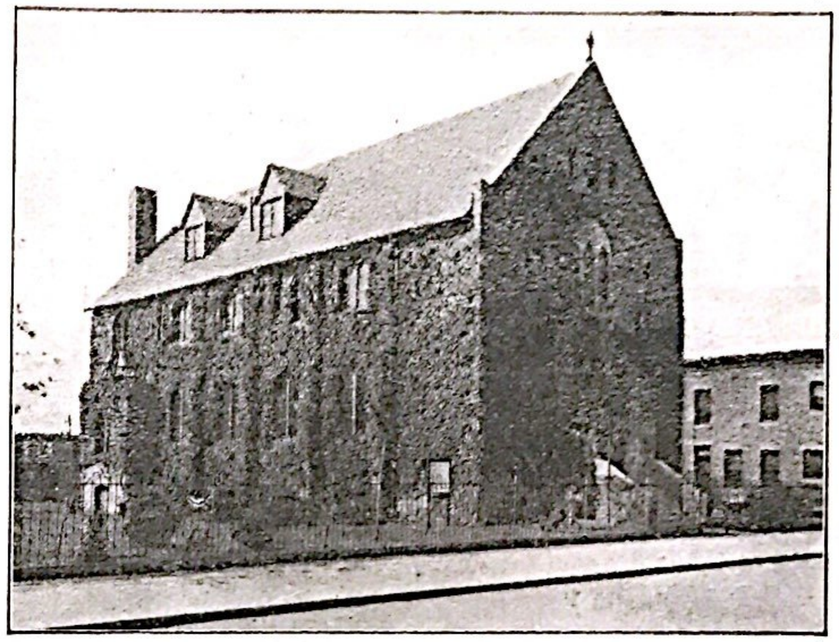
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READ AND THINK IT OVER.

The old fable runs thus: The old mother fly said one day to her daughter as they were sitting on the kitchen window sill: "I am going out for a while, Tutsy, and you can fly around anywhere in the kitchen while I am away, but do not come near that boiling kettle on the stove." "All right, mother," said the young fly assuringly. But no sooner was the mother away than the white curling fleecy vapor ascending from the boiling kettle on the stove became irresistibly attractive to the young fly. "I do not understand why mother should not let me spin a few times around this beautiful vapor. It would be so delightful and exciting. I don't think mother is up with the times. She knows not what is good for a young girl like me; and she does not want me to have a good time in life. I will do it any way, and she won't know it." So saying, Tutsy left the window sill and began flying around the white vapor coming up from the boiling kettle. With every round she ventured closer and closer to the steam until she was caught in the heat and fell scalded to death.

It is the old, old story. It was first told in a somewhat different way in the first six chapters of Genesis. And our Lord pleads with us: "If ye love me keep my commandments." This plea may seem to the careless reader as if Christ were asking something for Himself, namely, to love Him, and to show our love for Him by keeping His commandments. In reality it is but a strong plea for *our* lives. The only way to save our lives from taint or ruin is to keep his commandments.

Out of love for father and mother the boy heeds their admonitions. He avoids bad company though it have an attraction for him. Unlike the foolish young fly, he will not venture to do anything which his parents, or his teachers forbid, and out of love and respect for them will try to do faithfully what they advise him to do. What is the result? This boy is only saving himself. It is true that the parents and teachers find their joy in the success of the boy. Their joy is gone when the boy by disobedience has spoiled his own future. But he gains or loses more than they, for he gains or loses *himself*. So when parents plead with a child on the ground of love for them, they really plead for the child's own safety and welfare. And it is so with our Lord Jesus. He pleads for our own welfare when He pleads with us to love Him by keeping His commandments. For us men and for our salvation. He came down from heaven that He might show *us* the way to real life, and save *our* souls from destruction.

To be more specific, there are the two Commandments of Christ well known to all who read the New Testament, namely, the Commandment to be baptized, and the Commandment to partake of the Lord's Supper, or to come to Holy Communion as is commonly expressed. These two Sacraments must have a saving power, else our Lord would not have pleaded with us in the words: "If ye love me keep my commandments."

As a matter of experience and practice these two Sacraments have an unseen but real influence in forming our tastes and shaping our character. He who came to reveal God to us, and to raise our nature up in harmony with the nature of God, which is salvation, did He not give us reasonable and proper means and ways which might help us to attain unto that harmony which is salvation? We need only to think rationally and sensibly to place the same importance on Baptism and Holy Communion as we place on wholesome food for the body. And our Lord, we must remember, has placed a higher value on the soul than on the body; and for good reason, because the one perishes while the other is everlasting; and also because even while the body is still alive it is moulded and fashioned by the soul. The body is likely to be pure and beautiful in which the soul is kept strong and healthy by the means which our Lord has provided in the Church and through the Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On July 18 and 19 our people have given to the neighborhood a practical demonstration of the truth of the Psalmist's words: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The word "dwell" implies permanent residence. It means live together, and living together also means working together. Our people demonstrated also the truth of St. Paul's idea of a Church. "Christ, from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love." (Eph. 4: 15.)

The occasion, strange to say, for this demonstration was a Street Carnival for the benefit of the Church financially. And of course success was inevitable.

There have been some worldly wise people who doubted our success because two other such carnivals had preceded ours on the same street and in the same month in close succession of each other. But they did not take into account the real secret of success which brushes away all difficulties, namely, working together in unity, each doing faithfully what he can do best.

This our people did, and the results were the breaking of all past records. More than $300 were taken in; and the net proceeds will exceed $225. It may reach $250.

But the social and moral benefits are even greater. Limited space forbids the mentioning of the names of our workers who contributed to that success; but this is true our active people and our friends helping them will always look back to this most pleasant occasion with a deep sense of satisfaction.

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At this writing our people are getting ready for the Sunday School excursion on July 31. This issue of the VISITOR will be printed while on our way to the picnic grounds. We hope for a similar success and pray for good weather as we have done for the Street Carnival.

CONFIRMATION DAY.

The Bishop will visit this Church Friday evening, December 5, to administer the rite of Confirmation to all those who are desirous of receiving it. Let us work together and zealously for a large Confirmation class also as we have worked for other things. We shall meet with the same success. May our daily prayer be:

O God, our Father, accept our efforts in working together with Thee for the increase of our congregation in numbers and in influence for glory of Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

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Those interested in athletics will read with great satisfaction the records which two of our Sunday School and choir boys have made recently in that field of activity. Please note the prizes these two brothers have carried away with them honorably.

1. At the Artisan meet, held on the Central High School grounds in June, George Bingham, who joined our Sunday School about eleven years ago and who is now a member of our Drexel-Biddle Bible Class, won for the third time the first prize of a gold medal in a five foot two annual relay race.

2. On July 4 last, at a city meet held at Belmont Mansion, George Bingham won the first prize of a silver cup in a five foot two relay race.

In the afternoon the same day at the meet held by the Business Men's Association at Vernon Park, Germantown, George Bingham carried off the first prize of a gold medal in a 75-yard dash in good time of eight seconds flat. Also in 100-yard dash he won the first prize of a gold medal, in eleven seconds flat.

It might also be mentioned that on Labor Day of 1912 George won the first prize both in the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes at the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class Summer Home.

3. Elisha Bingham, his younger brother, and member of our choir and Sunday School, won the second prize of a silver cup, in a midget relay race, July 4, in the forenoon at Belmont Mansion; and the first prize of a silver cup in the midget relay race at Vernon Park, Germantown; and the first prize of a silver cup in a boy's relay held at Lime Kiln Pike on the same day.

These two boys are members also of the Germantown Boys' Club.

We are looking forward also to the time when St. George's will furnish Ministers of the Gospel to run the race to which St. Paul refers in his Epistles.

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The greatest thing in business life a father or teacher can teach children to put things back to the place whence they get them. The waste of time and energy, and the waste of life, resulting from the failure of learning this lesson is

overwhelming; it is beyond our comprehension.

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Within the last month St. George's has been instrumental in sending over 75 boys and girls on one and two weeks' vacation to various places, and also some old folks in need of rest. One of the mothers, speaking of the effect a week's country life had on her girl, said: "It certainly did her good. She came back with spunk in her."

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After a long and faithful service as President of the Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. James McGowan has found it necessary for the sake of her health to give up the office. She advises a union of the Mothers and the Guild into one working body. She has been usually wise in counsel, and it is to be hoped that the union may be consummated. The Mothers have turned over to the Church the balance in their treasury, $10.04. Mrs. McGowan is one of the oldest and most constant members of St. George's, and her co-operation so far as she is able to give to the women of our Church will be valuable and appreciated. She has very much to her credit, and her reward will be great.

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On Monday morning as the Visitor was on his daily rounds he saw a sight which deeply impressed itself upon his mind. A boy of ten, clad in his well-worn-out street clothes, and barefoot, stooping low to a muddy gutter in front of a saloon, completely absorbed in the yellow, red and green monstrous figures on a Sunday newspaper sheet well soiled and bespattered with the mud of the gutter. The Visitor wondered what effect such pictures and such environment might have upon the childish mind which is "wax to receive and marble to retain." The old Greeks in their best days placed on each street corner figures of elegance and beauty in order that the young passing by might receive inspiration for the edification of the body and mind. What can a child learn from a saloon reeking with the fumes of stale beer and the vomit of drunkards, a muddy gutter, and the monstrous silly pictures of a Sunday newspaper?

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The latest addition to the activity of St. George's is our Summer School, through the kindness of what is known as the Vacation Bible Class. Miss Ethel Owen is in charge of the school. It meets daily from 9.30 to 11.30 A. M. The children occupy themselves with singing, games, and manual training, and are told each day a Bible story. The attendance is very good. Send your boys and girls, it will do them good.

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Punctuality is a virtue which cannot be overestimated. He who is late has a great deal to answer for. If twenty men at a meeting have to wait only ten minutes for one who is late, the total loss of time is 3 hours and 33 minutes. If you miss the train by a half a minute you miss it just the same as if you were an hour late. It is better to be five minutes ahead of time than one minute late.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
550, July 14, Edward Joseph Tong
551, " 15, Anna Tong
552, " 17, Charles Sidney Goudge
553, " 24, Hannah Woodworth Carpenter
554, " 26, John Washington Hopkins
555, " 26, Edward Hamilton Hopkins

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
235, July 8, Raymond Weston
236, " 10, Amanda Hewitt
237, " 29, Josephine Mackie

Baptisms in Chapel

No.
2, July 13, Thomas McDevitt
3, " 27, Elizabeth Moran
4, " 27, Katherine Moran
5, " 27, Margaret Moran

Our Church Council, consisting of twelve men and five women, formed for the purpose of furthering the work of our Church, has chosen a Finance Committee whose business it is to look after the finances of St. George's. Our people are requested to co-operate with this committee in every way possible for the benefit of the Church. The committee is to look after the envelope system and the settlements of various accounts. The members of this committee are as follows: Messrs. Thomas McGarvey, Warden, George Bingham, Edgar Walter, Herbert Herbsleb and Philip Becker, Clerk. The Church Council meets every second Saturday evening in the month. All affairs concerning the welfare of St. George's should be brought before this Council.

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Our choir is growing more and more in efficiency and usefulness, thanks to the efforts of our choirmaster and organist, two splendid young men devoted to the work of the Church. Another factor is the social atmosphere and friendship and love of the Church on the part of the members of the choir. They certainly deserve new hymnals.

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The Men's Club has started the light and heat fund for this season by a donation of $10. We trust it will grow.

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In the Rectory Fund, $113.10. Interest on deposit, $5.65. Total on hand, $118.75.

In the Church Building Fund, $525.36.

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The most delightful occasion at the meetings of the Guild within the last month was the celebration of the birthdays of Mrs. Findlater Thompson and Mrs. Annie Egner, on July 10. The Visitor was fortunate enough to drop in just before it was over; but he saw, and heard, and tasted enough to make anybody's heart glad. We wish the two happiest ladies on that occasion long life and full of joy.

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The Minister is going to be away the last two weeks in August and the first two weeks in September. He will conduct services on August the 17th and then leave on his vacation. Rev. George G. Miller, 2508 North Hollywood street, will officiate in the Minister's absence.

Should any one be in need of the ministrations of a clergyman he may apply to Miss Corson or Miss Turner, at 2518 East Indiana avenue, and either of these ladies will help to get a Minister.

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A settlement for tickets is strongly urged. It is helping the Church much to have outstanding sums remitted promptly.

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St. Paul says: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." In the book of Deutoronomy we read: "Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Our Lord says: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, even so do to them: for this is the law and the prophets." And common sense says that every one who calls himself Christian ought to give towards the maintenance of that institution in which not only the name, but also the principles of Christianity are taught and kept alive. Every member of the Christian community should therefore contribute as much as he can towards maintaining of the Church.

The best way to make you a cheerful given to the Church is to put down in black and white the sums spent for the Church and the sums spent on yourself and for other purposes. It will make you wonder how neglectful one is liable to become in his support of the Church; and perhaps make you ashamed of yourself which might certainly be quite wholesome. A man will pay willingly and regularly insurance money in order that when he dies he might have a decent burial, and yet will neglect to support the Church who is working hard for the good of his soul. What will a man say when confronted by the righteous Judge with the question: "What hast thou done for the Church for which I suffered and died and rose again from the dead? Thou hadst spent much for the body which is dead, how much didst thou spend for thy soul which is to go on living? Thou didst give much to those who buried thee; how much didst thou give to Him who has raised thee from the dead?"

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Five cents a week for the Church is just a little over half a penny a day. Ten cents a week is just a little over a penny a day. Fifteen cents a week for the Church is just about two cents a day, and twenty-five cents a week is less than four cents a day. Is the Church worth this consideration? Count up the objects for which you spend daily at this rate, and compare them to the object of the Church.

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"Oh, man, forgive thy mortal foe, never strike him blow for blow; for all the souls on earth, to be forgiven, must forgive."

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"When sin is in the heart it jumps out upon the face."

"Who struggles with his baser part, who conquers and is free, he may not wear a hero's crown or fill a hero's grave, but truth will place his name among the bravest of the brave."

"There's no defeat in life from within; unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."

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What is a creed? A creed is the summing up of your character. You believe God is the Father of all; you are bound to regard your neighbors as brothers. You believe in Christ the Son of God, you also believe that God is love, and that love is to be the governing principle of our lives, and the Holy Ghost is your Comforter.

CHAPEL NEWS.

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On November 12, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the Bishop will visit the Chapel congregation and for Confirmation. Every effort should be made both in prayer and work to present to the Bishop a large substantial class of men and women.

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The Chapel building is continually being essentially improved and strengthened. Our men there seem to build themselves into the Church. The old rotten floor of the smaller room in the basement has been torn out, the walls underpinned with concrete, and a new floor is being laid. The front also of the Chapel has been fitted up nicely. The following are the master workmen who are doing the work: Messrs. Hanson, Blatz, Karcher, Pogson, Henry Oechsle, Walter Schoell and Charles Seemueller.

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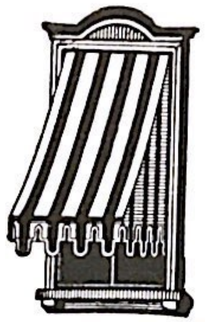
The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Fisher, brother of Mrs. Sladen, has presented the Chapel with most beautiful and valuable altar linen. It certainly adds greatly to the appearance of the Chancel.

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The time has come when the Chapel should have its own Communion vessels. At present the Minister has to carry back and forward the vessels from Richmond to Venango. The small fund on hand of $2, which was intended for altar linen, now that the linen has been provided for, should be made the beginning of a fund for Communion vessels. There is hardly a man or woman who would not gladly contribute 5 cents a week toward Communion vessels for the Chapel till money enough is raised to buy a creditable set. Suppose we begin at once.

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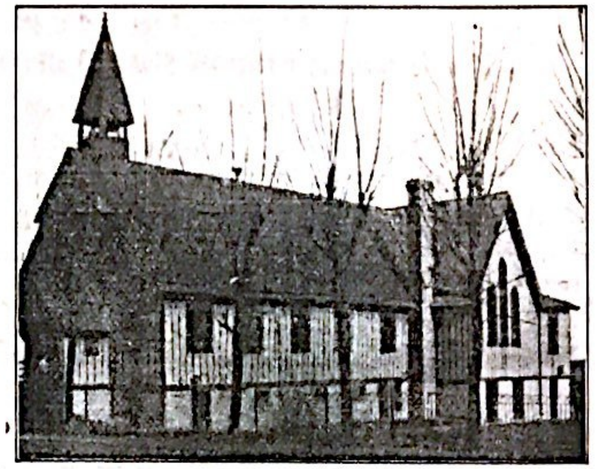
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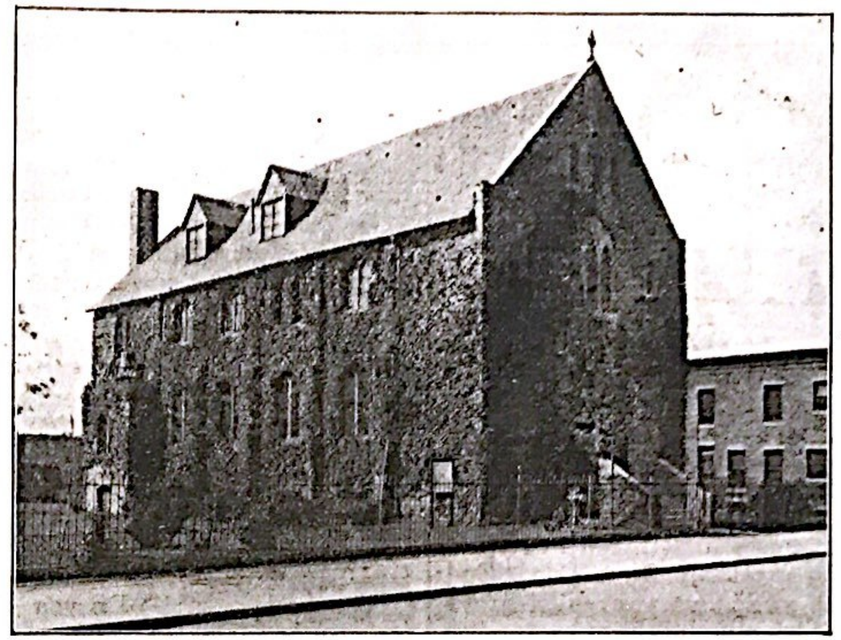
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TO YOU.

To you, dear Reader, I wish to speak frankly, without apology and without introduction. You are my neighbor. I know your sorrows and your joys. There is nothing that happens to you which does not in some way affect me also. God has so made us that even when we would be independent of each other we cannot. We really belong to a common family. The interest of one is the interest of all. Only the blind cannot see this and the foolish will not. But you I trust to be neither blind nor foolish. Indeed, I verily believe you to be more intelligent than you think yourself to be.

Your ability and capacity for achievement are much larger than you are aware; and your appreciation of truth much higher than you imagine. You certainly understand that the Creator in giving you and me the talents we possess requires of us that we should use them according to His will and not against it. What father would give his son anything without expectation that the son would use the gift in a way that would please the father? Moreover, I am sure you cannot conceive that God would endow us with talents which we are not able to use.

Therefore, you will agree with me that so far as your ability is concerned, there is nothing that you have that you cannot use; and there is nothing that you can use that you ought not to use well.

You have a mind. Do you use it well, or do you use it at all? Have you ever thought out satisfactorily to yourself how the Church which God placed in the world through Jesus Christ is getting along without your support and without your co-operation? And if you found it getting along at all, through the support of others, are you satisfied to have no share in its support while sharing with others its benefits?

You have a soul. Do you give it a chance? Do you place yourself in a condition as to enable your soul to be in communion with its Maker.

You have a heart. Do you keep it pure? Do you make any endeavor to keep it clean? If not, why not?

You say it is difficult to do these things. Yes, it is hard; but it is not impossible. At least you will agree that it is worth the effort.

For your own sake, for the sake of your dear ones, for the sake of your neighbors, it is well worth the effort.

Here is your opportunity. Are you a man? Then be man enough to join our company of valiant men who struggle to make the effort of being right and doing right a little easier both for you and themselves. If there is any manhood in you, you cannot reject this opportunity reasonably. We, the men of St. George's, who have become alive to the responsibility of living, have banded ourselves for the common purpose to make it easier for all men to be right and do right.

Will you not join us? We need you and you need us in the Church which is the bond of our fellowship in Christ, Who is the Power unto salvation. I mean the source of power to all honest endeavor for common good.

We hold out our hand to you. Will you not take it?

Are you a woman? Then, by all that is near and dear to you, join the band of our faithful women whose purpose is to make life less of burden and more of joy to all by serving God in His Church.

There is no institution in the world in which men and women can do so much for the common good as they can in and through the church.

Our women need you and you need them for the benefit of all. The welfare of our children depends, in a measure, on your co-operation. The hand of fellowship and kindliness is held out to you. Will you not accept it?

Now, it may be, dear reader, that you are a boy or a girl. Your book of life is yet unwritten. You are full of energy and hope. Your desires for enjoyment are strong. They are God-given. To enjoy life is your right and you have my hearty sympathy. But there is only one way to make your life truly joyful, and that is to satisfy your lawful desires rightly.

It is for this purpose that our young people have banded themselves together. They shall have my hearty co-operation. Nothing legitimate will be denied them that under the roof of the church they may truly taste the joy of life. Will you not join them?

I speak to you heartily, for I do wish to be of some help in our common battle of life, and I am sure that this help can be best obtained for us all through our loyalty to the Church.

Will you not accept this offer?

Faithfully yours,

A. J. ARKIN.

CONFIRMATION DAY.

On Friday evening, December 5, the Bishop will come for Confirmation. Let us all pray and work together for a large and good Confirmation Class. The minister will be glad to give information to all who desire it with regards to Confirmation. We would suggest that our members and friends adopt the following prayer for daily use:

O God, our Father, accept our efforts in working together with Thee for the increase of our congregation in numbers and influence for the glory of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our members and friends are asked to pass this parish paper on to his or her neighbor, unless it is desired to save it for private file, in which case extra copies will be furnished. It is important that our neighbors become familiar with ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR.

Everything else being equal, it is well to deal with our advertisers

and to let them know the reason.

Our Vacation Bible School closed August 14 with a beautiful and impressive program, under the direction of the teacher, Miss Ethel L. Owen, assisted by Mrs. Frank Smith. Miss Bernice Comstock and Miss Marguerite Martin. The recitation, "Flowers," was given by Ethel Billingsley, and "The Arab's Test" by Charles Dockus, after which there was a nice feast of ice cream and cake, and the class picture was taken on the lawn. Miss Owen is an excellent teacher and her work is highly appreciated.

On Sunday, August 24, St. Bartholomew's Day, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle, accompanied by Messrs. Wilson and Jobborn, visited our Bible classes. Thirty men were present. After the Bible lesson Mr. Biddle addressed the men and his words were very inspiring. He never fails to leave a deep and wholesome impression behind him.

A most estimable lady of Chestnut Hill who, with her friends, visited St. George's Sunday morning, August 10, writes as follows:

"We were much impressed with the beautiful music at St. George's, and you surely are working wonders with these children and young people in developing the best that can be brought out. Please thank the fine boy organist and the choristers, specially the girl who sang the anthem solo, for the real pleasure we had from the singing." We quote this for the benefit of our choirmaster and our faithful choir members, and to show them and all how much it pays to do a thing well.

To serve in a Church choir is held in high honor among the best people; especially when the service is given a free-will offering to God. Personal service in the great work of the Church is more precious than gold. You whom God has endowed with the gift of singing come forth, join the choir, and use that gift in praising God. Messrs. Becker and Seifert, our choir leader and organist, respectively, will help you to do it well.

To all the young ladies of our neighborhood desirous of joining the great Drexel-Bible Class movement, opportunity is offered to them in St. George's. There are at present two classes. One meets at 9.15 Sunday morning (almost at the same hour the Men's Bible Class meets, 9 A. M.), and the other Class meets at 2 P. M. There is no limit to the extent of good our lady members of the Bible classes may do to the movement. Come and join the goodly company.

The members of the Women's Bible Class, under the guidance of Mrs. Bright, whose hour of meeting is 3 o'clock, should be looking forward to the re-opening of the Class as soon as possible. Every member should work zealously meantime to bring with her, when the time comes, one or more new members. Our women certainly should not be behind our men in the study of the Bible and the good that flows therefrom.

There is in the Roman Catholic Church, both here and abroad, a constantly growing movement called the Modernists Movement. It is supported and spread by very able and highly-cultured Roman Catholics, both priests and laymen.

In Italy, says *The Missionary Review of the World* for the month of August, these Modernists have formulated a simple program of reforms, as follows:

1. Freedom of scientific research in all fields.
2. Absolute obedience to God alone. Obedience to man against conscience is a sin.
3. Separation between Church and State.
4. Abolition of compulsory celibacy of the clergy.
5. Reform of worship to secure simplicity and purity. Worship is due to God only. Do away with worship of the saints, the magic functions of the priest; and obligatory auricular confession.
6. The Gospel must be given to the people.
7. The abolition of the Latin language in the liturgy, and the reform of the liturgy.
8. The giving back to the laity (the people) the right of the election of pastors.
9. Sympathy with all great, reasonable and just social reforms, without regard to party, and in keeping with the Christian ideal.
10. Brotherly relationship between Protestants, Roman Catholics, and as many others as truly follow Christ.

Theodore Roosevelt, relating his experience as Police Commissioner in New York in 1896, says: "I had been told that it was not possible to close the saloons on Sunday and that I could not succeed. However, I did succeed. The Warden of Bellevue Hospital reported, two or three weeks after we had begun, that for the first time in its existence there had not been a case due to a drunken brawl in the hospital all Monday. The police courts gave the same testimony, while savings banks recorded increased deposits and pawnshops hard times. The most touching of all things was the fact that we received letters, literally by the hundred, from mothers in tenement houses, who had never been allowed to take their children to the country in the wide-open days, and who now found their husbands willing to take them and their families for an outing on Sunday. Jake Riis (Jacob A. Riis) and I spent one Sunday in the tenement district, seeing for ourselves what had happened."

If the closing of our present-day saloons on Sunday *only* resulted in so much good, what would happen if they were closed for good?

The last report of the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory shows that out of the 831 inmates, 554 have been cigarette smokers. Three hundred and fifty of the fathers were drinking men. If drinking men and women knew what effect their excesses have upon their children they would not indulge in them.

"Is there any other organization," asks *The Record of Christian Work*, after enumerating some telling facts; "is there any other

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238, Aug. 3, Lucy Sieger
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organization with a record of social usefulness equal to that of the Protestant churches?"

What St. Paul said of himself and his little band of Christians may, in a sense, be also said of St. George's faithful people:

"As deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Our people may be compassed by many limitations and disadvantages, yet as good Christians what can they not do to make our Church a useful and helpful medium for their own welfare and the well-being of thousands.

It is the earnest wish of the ministers that at the first service after his return home, which will be September 21, he might have the privilege of all our parishioners *and friends* join him in Holy Communion. He feels that all our people will cheerfully accord him this privilege and this help. He is therefore looking forward to that day prayerfully and joyfully.

What do you think of the man who sitting high on the branch of a tree is sawing it between himself and the trunk? You say he is stupid, or crazy. Yet this is just what one is doing who is either indifferent or antagonistic to the Church. The result finally is the same and is inevitable. "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in Him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered." (St. John 15:3.) The man who speaks lightly of the Church, or disregards it is sawing away from the tree the very branch which supports him.

Our Council meets every second Saturday in the month at 8 P. M. Every member of the Council should so arrange his affairs as to make it sure to be present. It is a very important position in the Church, and those who hold it

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should seriously realize its responsibility. To this Council should be brought all propositions and plans for the improvement of the Church. Our members and friends are requested to co-operate with the Finance Committee of this Council in the matter of Church support. It is essential that all who think well of St. George's should contribute something towards its support. The envelope system affords the easiest way of doing it. It is very helpful when contributions are regular. Nobody misses the money spent in the work of the Church and the good done thereby is inestimable.

In an open letter to society convict No. 1776 writes as follows:

"Your saloon is an incubator of crime. Its invitation to enter is extended to every passer-by. It has more conscious and unconscious agents booming its business than any other institution in the world. When the 'sucker' is once within its portals, flattery, obsequious attention, papers, magazines, pictures, music, females, strange curios, expensive and delicate lunches or solid meals, conversations to suit the man and his degree of intoxication, the drink that is drunk calling for the drink still in the glass or bottle; every known device, every possible art, even force, is used to keep the 'sucker' at the bar. Yes; I have seen men forced back into a saloon by the policeman on the beat—not once, but many times—and kept there until money was all in the cash register or divided between the saloon keeper, the policeman and the pickpocket. Then I have seen them ejected from the same saloon into the arms of the same policeman, to be arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. I have myself spent a night in a city jail solely for trying to persuade an intoxicated friend to leave a roulette wheel in a saloon.

"In your saloon, madam, the corrupt politician, the ward heeler and the ballot-box stuffer collect and plan their traitorous work and celebrate their vile achievements.

"In your saloon the minds of youths are poisoned and perverted; girls ruined; families deprived of support; excursions to the Tenderloin planned and commemorated; friends murder friends; brothers slay brothers.

"In your saloon every loathsome and depraved vice and every known crime shout and flourish and go to seed. Your saloon is a canker, an abscess, a tumor, a ringworm, a running sore, a leprosy, a curse, a perverter of all things good and pure and noble and refined and manly and womanly, a debaucher of the body politic, an institution wholly and unequivocally evil."

Our young people should look forward to a good, wholesome year's work in the way of athletics, organizing themselves into all sorts of teams for physical improvement and social entertainments. Tennis, basket ball, captain ball, and other games. They should also have stated social gatherings.

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A carpet is badly needed for the room of our Primary Department of the Sunday School. Who will suggest the ways and means of getting it?

If you want luck do not depend upon it and you will have it.

CHAPEL NEWS.

There is hardly a week or a month passes without some added improvement to the Chapel. What better evidence of life and work can there be?

Through the kindness of Mr. Sladen book racks have at last been provided for the pews, an improvement which is very timely, in view of the new prayer books and hymnals obtained for the Chapel.

A shed for storage, in the back yard of the Chapel, has been erected by our own men, the material being the only expense. This will put the inside of the Chapel in still more excellent order.

The ground in front of the Chapel has been adorned with grass and flower beds by Messrs. Joseph Oechsle and Walter Scheel, who gave their time and labor to it.

St. Andrew's Mission of St. Asaph's, Bala, commemorated their first service in the new building by the celebration of the Holy Communion, attended by an unusually large congregation and by dedicating the offering of $25.00 at that service to the missionary work of St. George's Chapel, Venango. The missionary received this offering with a deep sense of appreciation, in which our congregation joins, with the hope and determination to go and do likewise.

The lawn party, given August 22 and 23, turned out to be a great success in spite of the rain the first evening. Mr. Barnes estimates the net proceeds to be $70 at least. This will help to pay for the improvements recently made.

It is indeed highly gratifying to see our people work hard for the improvement of the Chapel building, but the real test of a faithful people is the building up of the congregation. Every man, woman and child who loves the Chapel should work hard, very hard, as a missionary for St. George's, to get more men and women to attend Church services both morning and evening, and get all the children they can for the Sunday School, and to co-operate with Mr. Barnes and Mr. Sladen and the minister in bringing together a large and substantial Confirmation Class for the Bishop, who will visit the Chapel Wednesday evening, November 12.

Beginning with September evening services on Sunday will be resumed, and morning services will continue. The time has come when our people in Venango may have the benefit of both morning and evening prayer in the Chapel.



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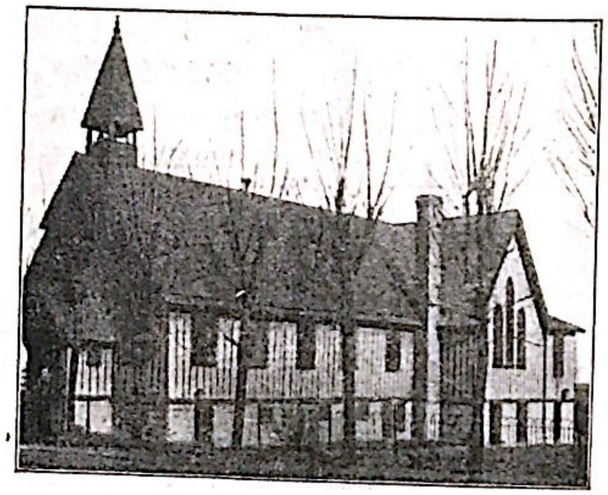
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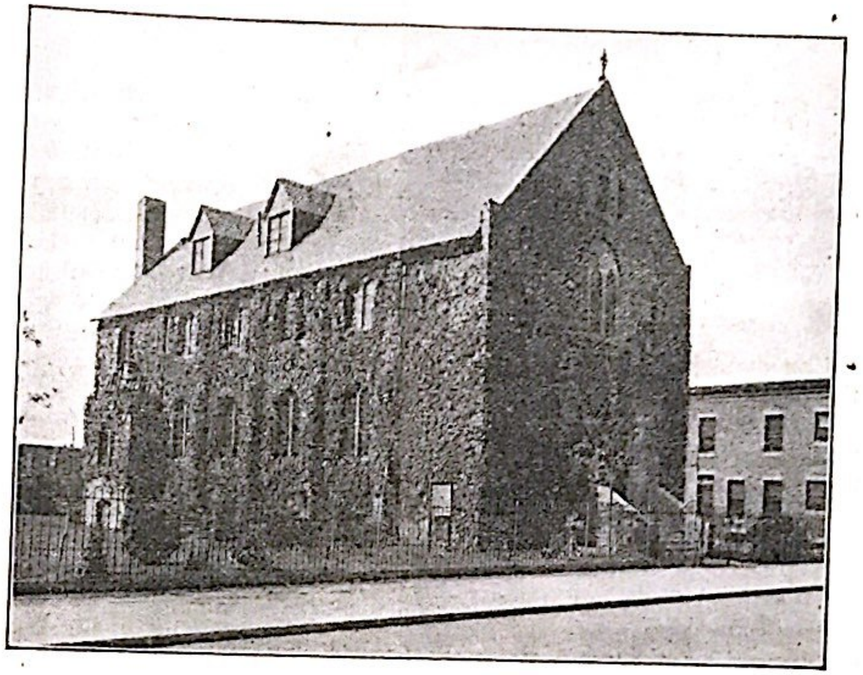
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"GO YE."

Can you imagine, dear reader, the magnitude of the movement which these two small words started? Just think a little. Try to grasp the full meaning of the revolution brought about by two of the shortest words in our language, just four letters in all. It is indeed marvelous what these two words have done for the world, and for you and me. Yet our astonishment vanishes when we consider Him who uttered them. The greatest and most stupendous miracle looks then quite natural. We feel, indeed, that it could not be otherwise. When our Lord said: "Go ye," the gates of hell could not prevail against the regenerating forces of the Spirit. To-day there are armies of missionaries here and abroad going about carrying life and joy into the hearts of thousands not because it is convenient or profitable to themselves, but because the Master said: "GO YE." Their efforts and labor were in vain if they did not go simply in response to His command. Their work is fruitful because their heart is set on doing the will of Him who said "Go ye."

More and more we are beginning to appreciate the wisdom of our Lord. More and more we are beginning to see that if our Church is to live and grow, that is, if we are to be living, not dead, Christians we must keep alive in our hearts the missionary spirit; we must take to ourselves, every one of us, the command "Go ye." It is a personal appeal. It is Christ's appeal to you and me. All our respect and love for the Church can be measured only by our giving. There is no other measure. The giving must be personal, else it is no giving at all. It is no giving at all when our gift costs us nothing. We must not deceive ourselves; we dare not attempt to deceive Him who asks for our giving. Giving to Him is no giving unless our contributions carry with them some of our own life. We may give ourselves outright. We may go from house to house looking up children for Sunday School, gathering in churchless people into the House of God to hear His Word; we may help personally by giving our time and our health; and we can also give money which carries with it some of our life, such a contribution in money which requires self-denial. In this case, and in this case alone does our personality *go* with the money, or through the money. This is the true test of our faith in Christ when we do His Commandment.

On Monday evening, September 29, in the Church House, Twelfth and Walnut, there was a great meeting of our clergy and laymen presided over by our beloved Bishop Rhinelander. It was a missionary meeting. Ostensibly these Christian men came together to adopt a "Schedule of Relative Parochial Shares in the Dioceasan Apportionment of 1913-1914." In other words, ostensibly they met to come to some agreement on how much money each parish and mission should send to the Board of Mission next year to enable it to carry on the missionary work of our Church. But really, it was a meeting to devise some reasonable means of stirring every heart of man, woman, and child to the call of our Lord for personal service. No one can be a lively member of Christ's Church, or Household, unless he renders personal service to the building up of the Kingdom of God. We are too self-respecting to be willing to bear the name of Christian without ever doing the will of Christ. We do not wish to be invited guests in the Kingdom of God. We would rather be part owners, joint heirs, children of the house, with a claim based upon personal service rendered in conformity with the will of the Master. Surely, we do not wish to be drones in the work for the Master who gave His life for us. For inaction, or the want of personal activity for the Kingdom of God, is bound to result in spiritual death. When a Church does not grow it is an evidence of spiritual decay among its members.

If St. George's is to grow, as it should, we must maintain therefore the missionary spirit. The missionary spirit is kept alive by prayer and by giving, giving in the sense just explained. They are the two characteristics of our Lord Himself. A Church is Christ's when its members possess these characteristics.

It is difficult to find a congregation to whom a better opportunity is given to exercise the missionary spirit than is given to St. George's congregation. We are a healthy body with large possibilities. Our young people are fine looking and talented. Our older people have a wider grasp and a deeper insight into the meaning of our Church. What we need is a growing missionary spirit.

While the list of our regular contributors by weekly envelopes is slowly growing we feel that it should be still larger. We know that it can easily be made larger if every communicant takes a set of envelopes, and presents his offering as regularly as he can. The red envelope should by no means be overlooked, it matters not how small the contribution for missions may be. The red envelope, it must be remembered, is for missions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Men's Drexel-Biddle Bible Class have decided to have also a week-day meeting in addition to their regular Sunday morning sessions. They meet on Tuesday evenings also to enable such members as cannot come on Sunday to attend the evening sessions and to keep in close touch with the class which, by the way, is growing apace. The last Tuesday evening in the month is devoted to both business and social entertainment. The meeting held last Tuesday, September 30, was a magnificent success. Everybody was glad he came. Such meetings are open to friends of members as are all the meetings of the Bible Class. Never before has there been such enthusiasm and zeal for the growth of the class manifested by the members. They

certainly have caught the missionary spirit. Is it possible that the dream of years is at last being realized! We pray that it may be so.

The National Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew met this year in New York, October 1 to 5. It was the most interesting and best attended convention of the Brotherhood within recent years.

The General Convention of our Church will open in New York city October 8, and will last two or more weeks. This convention meets once every three years in a city chosen at a previous convention. It consists of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies made up of four clerical and four lay delegates from each Diocese. In the Bishops' House the oldest Bishop is the presiding officers. The House of Deputies elects its chairman who is a clergyman. This convention is the legislative body of our Church. It makes the laws, or canons, by which our Church is governed.

CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop will visit St. George's on Friday evening, December 5, to confirm a class of men and women desirous of getting into closer communion with the spirit of our Church. Will you not pray fervently that the class may be large and substantial, and that many men and women may be moved to open their hearts more willingly to Christ who is knocking at their door? This service of confirmation is handed down to us by the Apostles who certainly knew the will of their Master, for they lived with Him. Please use the following in your daily prayers:

O, God, our Father, accept our efforts in working together with Thee for the increase of our congregation in numbers and influence for the glory of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We are looking forward with fond expectation to our annual Hallowe'en party to be given by our congregation in the basement of the Parish House on October 31. Every Hallowe'en party so far has been a marked improvement on the one given the year previous, and we trust we shall keep up our reputation.

Our Sunday School is assuming larger proportions from year to year, and the demand for teachers is painfully increasing. The demand is painful because it is not met by the supply. We therefore appeal to our congregation and friends to offer themselves in the service of the Sunday School. It is a most important work in the Church; and he who gives himself to this work is thrice blessed.

While we are going to the printing press preparations are made for our Sunday School parade to McPherson's Park Saturday, October 4, at 2 P. M. We trust that St. George's Sunday School will make a creditable showing as usual.

Our Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes will give a peanut party Friday evening, October 3, for the benefit of the much needed carpet in the Primary Department. We trust their efforts will be well rewarded by success.

Junior Auxiliary No. 1, which has started out so favorably this year, is to begin its activity with a social meeting on Thursday evening, October 9, at 7.30 o'clock. This is a promising body of fine and lively girls full of energy and desire to do good, and under good leadership. We expect great things from the girls. Remember, girls, that a missionary spirit is the secret of success. Be sweet, and kind, and devout, eager to do good, and you will prosper. Be ye followers of Christ.

Never before was the prospect for great work as good as it is now before our Girls' Friendly Society. Every door of usefulness and mutual help is open to them, and we are sure the members will take advantage of the opportunities.

They have undertaken the sale of matches in five-cent boxes, the revenue of which will go towards an immediate establishment of an up-to-date dressmaking school which will be open to members and probationers twice a month or oftener if need be. Next to good character and good manners there is nothing so important as good, becoming and wholesome dress. Especially is this true in the life of women, but more so in the life of young ladies. A young lady should be as free from the whims and bills of a dressmaker as possible. She should be able to turn a fold and a stitch in her dress herself. It is only then that she can dress really well, and to her own satisfaction. Hence our G. F. S. dressmaking school. This, however, is but one feature of the G. F. S. work and objects in St. George's. This society is not restricted to Church membership. It is really a Girls' Club with high aims and noble purposes; and any girl 14 and over who desires to improve herself and enrich her life which comes from mutual helpfulness and friendship is eligible for membership in the Girls' Friendly Society. There is no more beautiful and more significant name for a Girls' Club than that for which the letters G. F. S. stand. God bless the G. F. S.

Some of our readers may not know that we have a rummage sale, or store, open every first Wednesday in the month; but we do have it, and it is open between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There is many a bargain you can get surpassing any bargain in any Market street department store, and you save yourself the car fare besides.

Our Women's Guild is to give a saurkraut supper Thursday evening, October 16, at 6 o'clock, in the basement of the Parish House. Admission 25 cents. Our women are famous for their cooking, and this delicious dish, which makes a man's mouth water, even to think of it, is worth all the trouble of coming and paying your way in, for you always get enough for your money and more, and save yourself the work of a supper at home.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
556, Sept. 21, William Henry Saybolt
557, " 21, William Swift
558, " 21, Andrew Jackson Swift
559, " 21, Ada Katherine Harrison
560, " 21, Wilhelmina Johannah Brooks
561, " 21, Frederick Ernest Becker
562, " 28, Olive Neal Brown

MARRIAGES

No.
96, Sept. 19 { Chas. Joseph Thompson & Mary Elizabeth McDonough

The annual meeting of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes of Philadelphia and vicinity, being a representative meeting, was held Saturday evening, September 27, at the Summer Home. The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins presided. Never before was there such an impressive meeting. The reports from the president of the movement, Mr. Biddle, and from the various officers were most highly encouraging. The movement is growing and spreading and gaining in momentum. Classes are steadily coming in from every part of the country. Among the most interesting items mentioned was the one of numerical visits of the members to the Summer Home. Over eighty-two thousand persons, by actual count, enjoyed the atmosphere and activities at the Summer Home the season just passing.

On Labor Day at the Drexel-Biddle Summer Home an athletic carnival followed the ball game. In the 100-yard dash, Juniors, Master George Bingham, of St. George's came first. In the 220-yard dash George Bingham, St. George's, came first again. In the broad jump, Juniors, George Bingham, St. George's, came second, 15 feet 9 inches.

Our young people should make themselves efficient in all the athletic sports which help bodily health and long life. A healthy body is likely to have a healthy soul and a cheerful countenance and a kindly disposition. It is without doubt that most of the human vices we despise, such as malicious gossip, malicious criticism, finding secret pleasure in the misfortune of others, and adding to the difficulties of those who work for good, all these vices may be traced to a defective body. There is something wrong with their brains which in turn are affected by some bodily disease which is the result of lack of proper exercise. A game of tennis, or basket ball, or captain ball is preferable to a game of cards as

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exercise or a sitting in a cheap and dirty moving-picture show.

We would remind our societies and guilds that our annual fair is looming up in the near future, and would suggest that December 18-20 be the dates, unless it is found better otherwise. Let us make the same success with the fair as we made with the block party.

Our Sunday School children and their officers are asked to co-operate with Miss Turner in bringing our Christmas Festival to a successful issue.

Our Junior Auxiliary No. 2, composed of girls under 12 years of age, meets every Monday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30 in the basement of the Parish House. This is a most important work for the benefit of the little girls; and parents should do their utmost in encouraging their girls to attend these meetings regularly. They learn many useful things.

We hail with gratification the desire of the young men to organize themselves into an athletic club of permanent character, and they will receive every encouragement from the minister.

We shall be very grateful to all those friends who would send us the clothing and shoes they can conveniently spare for our store. Please communicate with the Missionary as to how to send them.

We can all easily manage to have our rest and recreation on the Lord's Day without neglecting the things appointed for that day. If we only think of the blessing of having six days in the week, we shall not begrudge God the one day, or at least part of it. A story is told of a beggar who approached a traveler on the road for help. The gentleman, who had seven coins in his pocket gave six of them to the beggar, leaving one only for himself. The beggar, who spent all the money he received, managed to steal the seventh coin from his benefactor. So it is with those having received from God six days would steal the seventh day also. Is it not more becoming to Christian people to go to church on Sunday and observe the Lord's Day in a decorous manner than to spend it otherwise with God left out?

CHAPEL NEWS.

On Friday evening, September 26, the Visitor happened to drop in the basement of the Chapel and was charmed to find a large group of young people around a festive board. It was so quiet and peaceable and lovely and joyful The Visitor, like a stranger, was promptly taken in in Christian fashion, and we certainly had together a fine time. It was the social evening of the Young People's Society which is flourishing in the dear Old St. George's Chapel.

CONFIRMATION.

The greatest day in the Chapel this year, we pray, will be November 12, when the Bishop will come in the evening to confirm a class of

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men and women who wish to come in closer communion with the Church. We are sure that every member and friend of the Chapel will do his and her utmost to uphold the reputation of St. George's in the size and quality of our Confirmation classes. On another page, under the heading "Confirmation," you will find a short prayer which we trust you will use for the advancement of our congregation in the Chapel.

Our Kindergarten under Miss Ott started work with 45 little ones. The teacher tells us that she is taxed to her utmost capacity. and that it is most difficult to accept all the applications for the Kindergarten. Whatever the experience of others in Kindergarten work, St. George's Kindergarten is pre-eminently a brilliant example of its beneficence and efficiency. It is a success. Most earnestly therefore is the appeal to the good people, among whom is the Sunday School of St. Asaph's, Bala, who have enabled us to carry on the work in the past, to continue their kindness, and make it easier for the workers who are deeply engaged in this service.

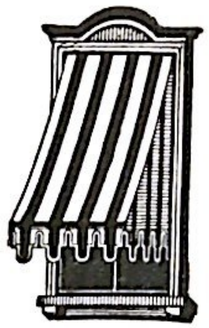
The material improvement to the building and grounds of the Chapel is still going on, our own people doing the work, and doing it most skilfully, home-made as it were, and drawing on the treasury only for the cost of the material. The Chapel has been practically renovated, and the foundation was strengthened much. There is more room to work, and infinitely more order. The appearances show splendid housekeeping. And all this is done by the people themselves. They take great joy in building up the Church in their midst, and this is the secret of their success. There is a great deal in taste. The covering built over the side door at the front of the Chapel is a model of giving to the Church, personal giving, which is Christian giving, which is efficient giving.

Both morning and evening services are held on Sundays, and the women of the Chapel are furnishing the flowers for the altar regularly.

On the first Sunday of September in the absence of Mr. Arkin the Rev. Mr. Yeakel, who is on a visit from the West, conducted the morning service and administered the Holy Communion. There was a congregation of 45 present and 37 came to the Lord's Table.

We are looking forward to the organization of a Mothers' Meeting, or Women's Guild, or Women's Bible Class in the Chapel, and the prospects for success are very good.

If anybody should ask us what is the secret of success in a Sunday School? the answer will be: efficient and faithful teachers. If there is any doubt about this, come and see the Sunday School of St. George's Chapel, especially in the Primary Department under Miss Katherine C. Coulter and her assistants.



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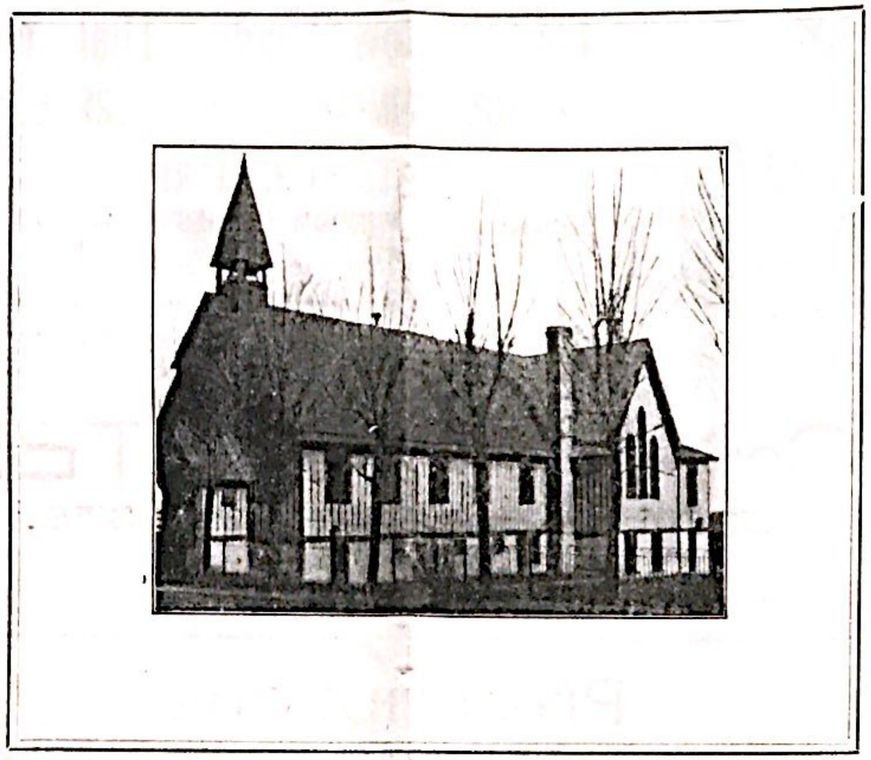
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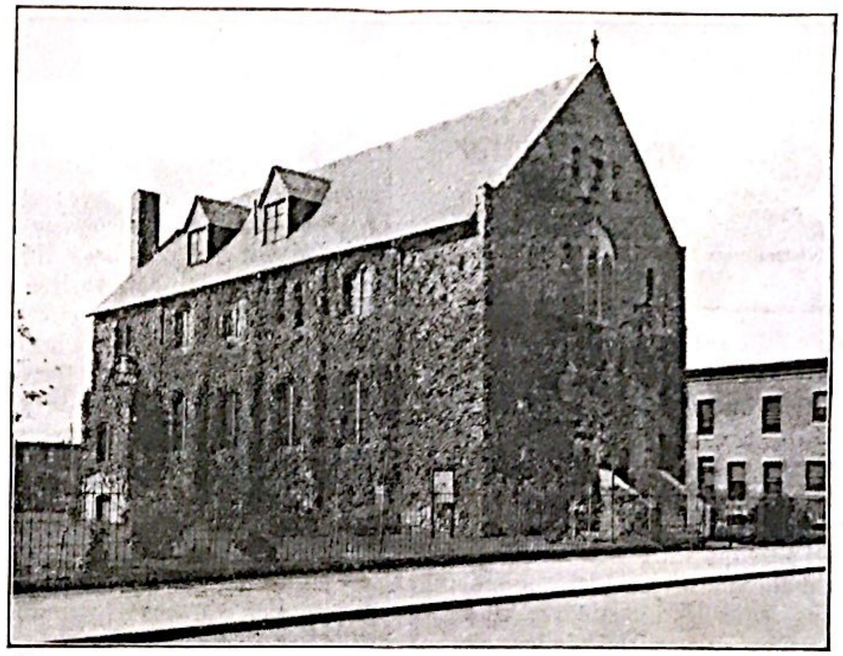
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QUO VADIS?

The interpretation of these two Latin words is "Whither goest thou?" In what direction are you walking? This is a wholesome question. Anybody can ask himself this question with much profit. It is the question which the mariner asks himself repeatedly; and we too who sail on the endless sea of life should again and again return to the compass to ascertain in what direction we are moving. Are you moving towards God or away from Him? This is a pertinent question, dear reader. For moving you are, you cannot stand still. It is only a question *whither* goest thou? Is it to God? or is it away from God? Whither are you going?

There is no doubt as to which direction you *wish* to take. You wish to go Godward. This desire is imbedded in your heart. This is your first impulse. But other desires and other forces overwhelm that impulse. There is often a fierce struggle within your heart between holy and unholy desires, between the things which your heart approves and disapproves; and often this battle is so fierce and noisy enough to make you thoughtless of the direction you are going. How helpful then is the question, Whither goest thou?

This question is most important, because it opens the door to some other questions which will not down till you have answered them, and answered them honestly and squarely. For example: Are you a Christian, are you *trying* to be a Christian? Do you bear this name because you happen to live among Christians; or have you chosen this name for yourself because of your faith in Christ as the Saviour of the world? If so, if you call yourself Christian because of your faith in Him; have you observed His Commandments? By this is not meant "Have you been good?" It is very doubtful if being good is at all possible. But have you observed those Commandments which are possible for you to perform? Are you baptized? Have you been made formally a Christian by water and by the Spirit as Christ Himself has laid it down for your guidance? Do you come to Holy Communion as He Himself laid it down for your observance: "This do in remembrance of me." Have you received the "Laying on of hands" in Confirmation according to the usage of the Apostles from the very beginning of the Church? This also certainly is quite possible for you to do. It is true that there is no record in the Scriptures of our Lord's command to be confirmed; but there is plenty of records showing that the Apostles practiced Confirmation from the very beginning. The Apostles surely must have known our Lord's mind. The Apostles surely would not have practiced Confirmation if it were of little importance. They practiced it because it is a help which you cannot afford to forego. Surely you should be confirmed, if it is within your power to be confirmed.

"Oh but I am a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or Lutheran," as the case may be. Well, what does being a Methodist, Baptist, etc., mean to you? Does it mean being less of a Christian or more than a Christian? Surely it cannot mean that any one of these names means more than Christian. Certainly you should not be satisfied with being less than Christian. Then, if you deny yourself the time-honored rite of Confirmation of Apostolic origin, are you not putting yourself in the light of desiring to be less than Christian? Has it ever occurred to you, that if you are a Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, etc., that you would be a better Methodist, a better Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, etc., if you were confirmed? Read the Bible which is used in those churches; what does it say? Read your own Bible which you regard as your authority in your church, what does it say?

In the eighth chapter of the Acts the fact is recorded that one of the ministers, Philip by name, succeeded in converting many people in Samaria whom he baptized. And the record goes on as follows: "Now when the Apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Again, turn to the nineteenth chapter of the Acts, and read about people in Corinth, how St. Paul disregarded John the Baptist's baptism; re-baptized them in "the name of the Lord Jesus," "And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Spirit came on them." (Acts 19: 1-7.)

Again, turn to the sixth chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, the first verse: "Wherefore, leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the teachings of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." Mark the place given to the "laying on of hands" in this list of doctrines well established at the time this Epistle was written.

If Confirmation is not important, why are these records given and preserved so carefully in the Scriptures? And why should we depart from the established custom of the early Church, when neither Roman Catholicism, Presbyterianism, Methodism, Lutheranism, Baptism, nor Episcopalianism, etc., were in existence; but simply the Church of Christ. The Church which was born in Jerusalem, which was built on a rock so that the gates of Hell cannot prevail against it; the Church organized on the day of Pentecost by the Apostles in Jerusalem, and guided by the Holy Spirit; that Church which knew no other name save Christ; surely that Church could not err in its uses; surely that Church should be our pattern, and not those Churches of the Middle Ages, or of the Twentieth Century variety with an endless list of nicknames.

Confirmation is not negative, but positive. It does not ask you to give up anything of your faith in Christ. It does not ask you to renounce anything you have learned in the faith of Jesus Christ, but it offers you in addition a service as old as the Church itself; a service which imparts a God-given power to will and to do the things acceptable unto Him; and deepen the faith you already have. Confirmation is Scriptural, Apostolic. Confirmation is reasonable. Confirmation is helpful.

Thus following the custom of the early Christian Church founded in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, the Bishop will visit our Church to confirm, as they did of old, by the "Laying on of Hands," such baptized persons as are desirous of coming into closer union with the spirit of the Christian Church. He will visit the Church on Friday evening, December 5. Meantime the minister will in his sermons and addresses give the information which all Christian people should have who are desirous of being confirmed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Fair.

Our annual fair is to be held on December 18-20. We hereby appeal to all our members and friends for co-operation and contributions. The time is getting short, and requires more effort and vigilance to make our fair a success.

The Council meets on the second Saturday evening of the month. Next Council meeting will be November 8. We urge upon all the members to be present, and take part of the responsibility which belongs to them. There will be some very important business to be transacted, and reports to be heard.

After Sunday School on October 28 a teachers meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Teachers' Training School. This is most needed in our Church here where teachers are so scarce. We feel sure that our people will be equal to the occasion in getting enough men and women willing to consecrate part of their time to the work of the Sunday School both for their own edification and the upbuilding of the Church of God.

If men and women would think of how much they can do for their children, from how much future misery they can save them, and how much joy they can store up both for themselves and their children, by their example of honest appreciation of the Church, there would be no need for going around a begging for workers and helpers in the Sunday School.

Does it not seem strangely ridiculous to you to see Protestant people seeking and scratching desperately for a thousand reasons why they do *not* go to worship God on the Lord's Day, yet cannot find *one* reason why they *should* go to Church?

What do a thousand of their best reasons amount to when you place them side by side with the ONE reason: "This do in remembrance of me."

"There is an old legend of a subject consulting his monarch as to how he might escape the enticements of the world and become dead unto them. The monarch ordered them to fill a goblet with wine, and to fill it to the brim. He was then ordered to carry the goblet through the streets of the city. An executioner was appointed to attend him, with orders to remove his head if he spilled a single drop. He carried the goblet in safety. Nothing was spilled on the ground.

" 'What did you see by the way?' asked the king when he came back. 'Did you see the jugglers and gamblers in the market place?' The man replied that he had noticed none of them. His mind had been so absorbed in the immediate task that no thought trailed away to surrounding distraction. 'So,' said the monarch, 'learn thy lesson. Become absorbed in God, His greatness, His goodness, the doing of His will, and thou shalt be dead to the enticements of the world.' "—*Dr. J. H. Jowett.*

We have received in a tiny pink envelope a beautiful pink announcement of the arrival of William Armstrong, 3d, on October 25. Weight, nine pounds. Many thanks for this joy-giving news.

The Dramatic Club, recently organized with Master George Bingham, president, is drilling for a fine minstrel concert for Friday evening, November 28. We are looking towards it with much expectation.

The Girls' Friendly Society is going to have a great treat when Mrs. Henry Martyn Medary, the wife of the rector of the Church of the Advocate, will visit them on Monday evening, November 10. Mrs. Medary will address them on some of her travels around the world, illustrated by beautiful pictures. All members and their mothers are cordially invited to take advantage of this unusual opportunity. The members of the Chapel Branch and their mothers are also cordially invited. The occasion will close with refreshments and a social good time.

Our G. F. S. girls are earning money for their treasury by selling bath towels at 10c apiece and kitchen towels at 12½c and 15c apiece. If you need towels be sure to patronize the girls.

A District Conference of G. F. S. Branches will be held at the Free Church of St. John Emerald and Elkhart streets, Saturday evening, November 15. The Conference will be preceded by a supper from 6 to 7 o'clock.

We invite our people to come to the rummage sale held every first Wednesday in the basement of the Parish House.

We ask our friends to send us boxes of things we might use in the rummage sale.

Our Drexel-Biddle Men's Bible Class has reached a membership of 80. And now our men are determined to make it 100. What a magnificent field of manly work there spreads out before this picked body of men. What a glorious op-

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
563, Oct. 5, Louis Bernhardt Oehme
564, " 5, Bernhardt Otto Oehme
565, " 5, Florence Anna Oehme
566, " 5, Henry Norbeck Gimour
567, " 12, Frank Jones
568, " 12, Elizabeth Jennetta Clemens

MARRIAGES

No.
97, Oct. 29, George Benjamin Pilger & Letitia May Wood

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
240, Oct. 22, Thomas Oliver

Baptisms in Chapel

No.
7, Oct. 12, Harriet Ronev Lambdin
8, " 12, Lena Bubeck Lambdin

portunity of making one's life worth while. You men are doing now a glorious work; let not your hands be slackened. Go forward. **Behold the Lord your Leader going** before you, and He shall guide you unto all truth.

And will the Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Classes of our Sunday School lag behind the men in zeal and loyalty to their banner? Will they neglect their opportunity of showing themselves worthy of the movement into which they have entered with so much promise? **Behold your Lord going before** you, the King of Kings, to guide you unto all that is true and lovely.

Read the following statement from Mr. Keir Hardie, a Socialist and a leader of the Labor Party in the English Parliament, not at all a sanctimonious person, but radical and sharp in criticism all his life, yet honest, and a faithful friend of the working people; what does he say after a life's experience? Listen: Men do not now attack religion; they simply pass it by—a much more serious situation. Convinced opponents would be welcome, but agnosticism as an aggressive force has died away and is only to be found in some belated corners. What we need is vision, and though I have traveled and studied not a little, I cannot find in any of the religions of the world a simpler and more convincing message than the Gospel of the Kingdom as preached by Christ. The Church will not capture the labor movement until the labor movement has captured the Church. If only I were a younger man, I would give up politics altogether and devote myself to the preaching of Christ's Gospel. Money and what it could buy may satisfy a man up to a certain point; but beyond all these things

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lies the craving of man's spiritual nature, which Jesus alone can meet. Take the word of an old man when he tells you that amid the sorrows and disappointments and perplexities of fifty years he has ever found the comradeship of Jesus the unfailing support." These are the honest words of a veteran fighter for the rights of labor.

Our Women's Guild have, within the last month, celebrated three birthdays in honor of Mesdames Hauder, Arndt and Jacobs in succession. These celebrations were held on Thursday afternoons, the regular meeting day of the Guild; thus work, business and pleasure are all combined to the glory of God.

One of the most felicitous events at which the Visitor was fortunate to be present was the surprise party given to their leader, Mr. Philip Becker, by the Choir at his house. There were twenty-six members present. Advantage was taken of his absence from home for a week, and he was caught, as it were, by surprise on his return home. After the merry making and games, refreshments were served, during which a token of regard and appreciation, in the form of a beautiful wallet, was presented by the members of the Choir to Mr. Becker for his faithful and fruitful service. Mrs. Becker was taken into the secret, and she joined the conspiracy, to which was due the great success of this party.

Can any one spare us a rug for a room of 10 by 15 feet, or somewhere in that neighborhood?

The Rev. George G. Miller kindly started the Coal Fund by a contribution of $5, and the Young Ladies' Bible Class No. 1 (Drexel-Biddle) began the Carpet Fund for the Infant Department with $2.

We still have some sets of weekly contribution envelopes which can be taken up by members and friends of the Church. The Church should be supported, and it can be done best and easiest through the weekly envelopes. Will not some, who have not any weekly envelopes, apply for them?

Parents of children with good voice will bestow upon them an everlasting blessing if they bring them to the Church for membership in our choir. No mother or father ever regretted in placing the boy or girl in the service of the Church.

"A graceful and blessed old age must have three elements in it: a happy retrospect, a peaceful present, and inspiring future. And old age cannot have any one of these three if the youth has been wasted and manhood has been misspent."

In trying to defend the usefulness of the saloon, "You see," says he, "I meet a friend and treat him to a drink, and he retaliates; that is all." Never was the case put more truly.

CHAPEL NEWS.

Confirmation.

On Wednesday evening, November 12, the Bishop will visit the Chapel for Confirmation. Let us

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It is very cheering to get the following item from our Mr. Barnes:

"Everything is working cheerfully and in harmony for the little Church. The choir is progressing and now numbers nineteen members. New caps, of the mortarboard style, have been purchased, and were worn at the service of October 5 for the first time, adding greatly to appearance. We were not required to take the money from our regular funds, as it was all raised by efforts of five of our faithful women workers, Mesdames Oechsle, Karcher, Seemueller, Hanson and Hill, who raised the money by sale of home-made bread, cake, horseradish, etc., and we are all grateful to them for this splendid help."

The stained glass windows have been repaired, and are now in good condition. These are the chancel windows of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, Chestnut Hill, which were given us for the Chapel about ten years ago when the new chancel of the Church was built. St. Martin's Parish may be glad to know to what use their former beautiful chancel windows are now being put in St. George's Chapel, Venango, and the tender care they are given by our appreciative people. These windows first gave the tone to the Chapel as a place of worship; and this tone has been faithfully maintained.

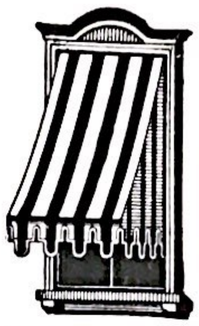
The report of the Sunday School is also cheering. Miss Coulter is training the children for the coming Christmas Cantata, which promises to be highly successful. The attendance is exceptionally good. This is primarily due to the efforts of Miss Coulter in the Primary Department and Mr. Sladen in the Senior Department, and to the young people who rally to help their leaders.

The great event of the season, in the way of sociability, is the splendidly planned Hallowe'en Masquerade Party, Thursday evening, October 30. This event will have taken place before the VISITOR is out for distribution. Prizes will be given for best fancy and comic costumes. Admission 15 cents.

Two special services are planned, one for the evening of November, a union service of parents and the Sunday School, at which recognition will be given to the most faithful Sunday School members.

The other is the "Homecoming Service," on the first Sunday evening in December, which is a reunion of all the people that ever came to the Chapel since its foundation.

On a recent visit to the Kindergarten, the VISITOR found thirty-six little ones receiving the best training which those who are able can give to those who are not. This is the average attendance, and represents perhaps as many nations, if one had the time to trace ancestry. But of this we are sure: they all will be American citizens, and without a doubt will be better citizens because of their early training in St. George's Chapel, Venango.



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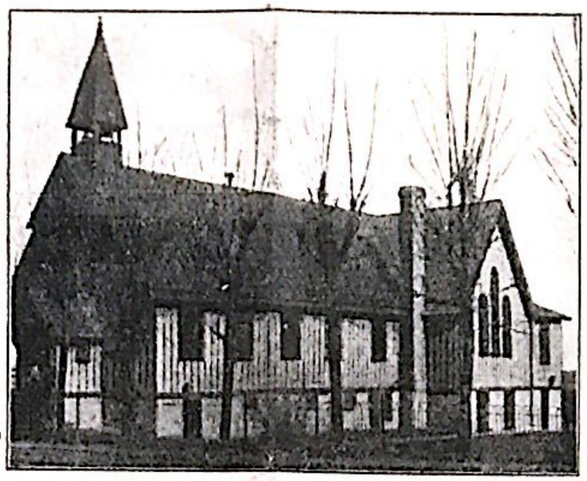
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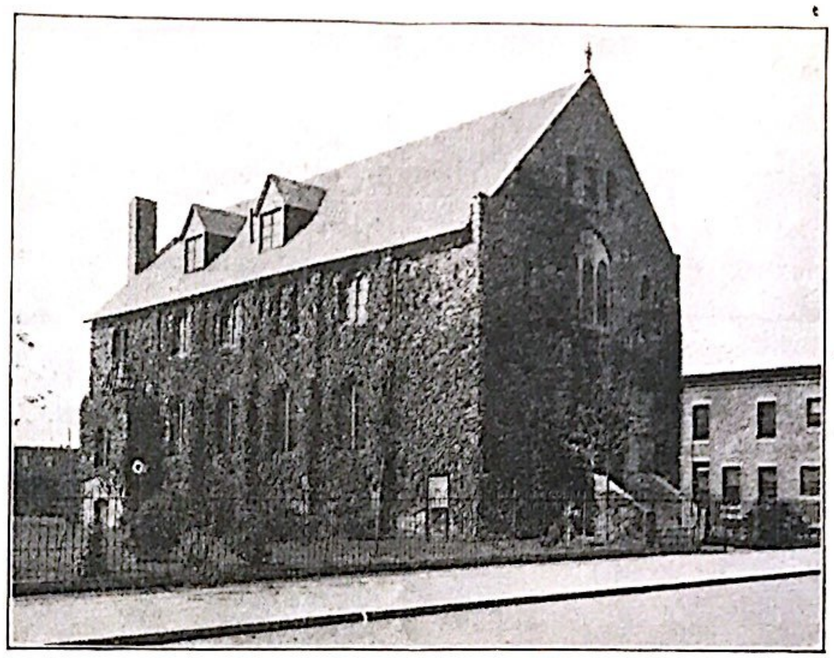
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SEASONS.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes iii, 1.) This is the way the wise man contemplates the world in which he lives. He looks about him to find the secret of the beauty, the joy, the ugliness and sorrow of life. Himself a creature is trying to grasp the methods of the Creator. And he finds that God in fashioning this world follows certain laws or rules laid down by Himself; and the chief of these rules is the law of harmony, or order, if you please. Beauty is charming. There is beauty in music, in painting, in speech, in the human face or character, in the landscape and the sky, in everything the eye can behold. The secret of beauty is one and the same, it is the result of order and harmony. It *is* order and harmony. God is love, because love is creative. It is only by order and harmony that we can conceive of things being created. Lawlessness or discord is destructive, not creative, therefore its results are ugly and painful. There is beauty in creation, in building up, or to use the Latin word, edification. This word meant a building, or temple, in which a god dwelt. A temple is a beautiful building, because it is harmoniously built, and it is the outward expression of the god who dwells within. When we look at the universe as the temple of God we are constrained to believe that God is love; and when we see the constructive and edifying work of the Cross, bringing order and harmony out of chaos, our souls are fascinated by the beauty of the crucified Lord as much as by the music of the first Christmas morning.

Now, we have the seasons of the year: autumn, winter, spring, summer. These make up the year of our Lord with full and plenty for all. The earth yields her fruits in due season regardless as to how men divide them among themselves in their own way. But there is enough to go around so far as the Creator is concerned. Thus by established regular seasons harmoniously arranged, repeated from year to year, a most beautiful and fruitful world is maintained for the benefit of the creatures of Him who maintains it.

Now you will understand, dear reader, the genius of our Church in following the laws of Him who is its foundation. For there is beauty and fruitfulness in them; and they remind us constantly of the goodness, the truth, and the love of God. Without Him there is no life.

Thus we have our Church Year; made up of seasons harmoniously arranged after the life and death and the resurrection of our Lord. We begin with ADVENT season, in which we now are. Advent means COMING; the coming of our Lord. It reminds us of the message of St. John the Baptist: "Make ye ready the way of the Lord, make his path straight. . . . And the crooked places shall become straight, and rough ways smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." It is a season of preparation for the coming of our Lord on Christmas Day. It is a season which especially reminds us of the need of housecleaning to receive the coming Guest: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Rev. iii, 20.) It reminds us also of His coming to us in Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and in Confirmation, and in Church Services, and in everything we do in His name. It also reminds us of the uncertainty of life here and the certainty of life hereafter, and of the giving account of ourselves in the day of judgment. With such preparation of mind and heart we shall be able to observe more sensibly and harmoniously the CHRISTMAS feast as it should be observed. For Christmas is the day on which the Savior was born; and He was born to save us by His blood. "Behold the lamb that taketh away the sins of the world."

And in the distance we see Easter, the feast of the Resurrection; and we begin, lost in wonderment, to comprehend the harmony between the Cross and the crown: "LOVE so amazing, so divine."

CALENDAR.

Dec.
7. Second Sunday in Advent.
14. Third Sunday in Advent.
21. Fourth Sunday in Advent.
21. St. Thomas.
25. Thursday, Christmas Day.
26. Friday, St. Stephen.
27. Saturday, St. John Evangelist.
28. Sunday, Innocents.
28. First Sunday after Christmas.

You are requested to read over from time to time the first page of this publication. It will help you to think of your duties to God and neighbor.

On Christmas Day we shall have Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and service and Holy Communion at 10.30 o'clock.

Our Christmas Festival, at which the Sunday School children will render a Christmas Cantata, will take place on Tuesday evening, December 30th, and the Christmas gifts will be distributed immediately after the Sunday School session December 28th. It is due to the kindliness of some friends that St. George's is able to cheer and be cheered by the giving out of Christmas gifts.

"St. George's is always getting something," you hear people say. Well, it is getting something because it is always giving something. The latest improvement in our Parish House, which we hope to install before Christmas, is an up-to-date motion picture and stereopticon machine for the entertainment and edification of our people. It is the best machine in the market and is a new one. This gift was made to St. George's by a friend whose name, though not published, is held in high esteem and admiration, and who is a real friend of the people.

Our Thanksgiving service was

unusually well attended, and the collection for the Episcopal Hospital is at this writing $21.76, as aginst $17.93 of last year. This with that of the Chapel makes the collection for the Hospital nearly $30, just about three times as much as that of six years ago. This is a sure indication of growth.

Another indication of growth is the membership of eighty-two men in the Drexel-Biddle Class. Three years ago we had no Bible Class. To-day we have three. The men's, the young ladies', of about 30, and the splendid Women's Bible Class of 27, excellent women under the guidance of Mrs. Robert S. Bright.

Another indication of growth is the fact that everything is ready for the organization of a Scout company. The first meeting took place Thursday evening, December 4th, under the direction of Mr. Norman Turnbull, a member of the Boys' Club of the Church Club, Kensington. This promises a healthy movement of permanent good among our boys.

Both branches of the Girls' Friendly Society here and in the Chapel have begun their dressmaking classes under competent and trained teachers. The Branch in Richmond has its dressmaking class every other Monday evening. Every first Sunday in the month the members come in corporate communion to the Lord's Table. There has been a marked improvement in attendance, both at the regular meetings and at Communion.

The Monday afternoon meetings of the Junior Auxiliary No. 2 has much grown in numbers and efficiency.

The great need of Sunday School teachers still remains, though not as keen as it was last month. Still we have classes without teachers, especially in the main department, where the need of faithful teachers is most keenly felt. It is very discouraging to behold a teacher take up a splendid class, and see it dwindle because of frequent absences of the teacher. This works havoc to both teacher and pupils. We should have enough teachers who would act as substitutes in case the regular teacher must stay away; and no teacher should stay away without informing the superintendent in time for him to find a substitute. The better way is not to stay away until a substitute is found. No business house is treated in careless fashion, why should our Church be treated so? This appeal is again made to our congregation. We must have enough teachers for our Sunday School.

Another indication of growth in St. George's is the recent undertaking of our Women's Bible Class, under Mrs. Bright's teaching and guidance, to send enough money to Miss Amy Lillingston, M.D., medical missionary in the Church at Bangalore, South India, for the training and education of a native nurse, Annamal by name, at Zenana Mission Hospital. The collection for this year by the class was most liberal.

The animated conversation of two men seated in front of him on a west bound street car drew the Visitor's attention, and this is what he overheard. "Speaking of hypocrites and ignoramuses," said one who was evidently a Roman Catholic, "where is there a bigger hypocrite than the Protestant who continually finds fault with the Roman Catholic Church, yet will not lift a finger to help his own. He snarls at the Roman Catholics going to Church faithfully at all hours and in all sorts of weather, yet his face is never seen within the walls of the Church which he professes to own, in which he professes to believe, and which he pretends to defend. As to your Bible shouters, how many of them attend the Bible Classes to learn what the Bible contains? How can they honestly boast of a thing of the value of which they know little or nothing. They care nothing for the Bible or its contents. They merely use it as a red rag and as a football to buffet Roman Catholics with. Is not this dragging down the Holy Scriptures into the dust of mere controversy and spite? How many of those fellows will stand the test of a simple examination on the contents of the Bible which they profess to worship? I am a Roman Catholic. I believe in my Church, therefore I go to it and support it with all my might, denying myself often comfort and pleasure. You say you are a Protestant. I should not have known it, if you had not told me that, John. I should have taken you for a heathen, making his livelihood in a Christian land, if I judged you by your life on weekdays and on Sundays. There are Jim, and Al, and Gus, they are Protestants. They are a credit to their Church. They go to it every time they can. You will find them regularly in the Bible Class, and they can speak intelligently on the Scriptures; but I do not hear them slur the Roman Catholic Church. They are consistent Protestants. They are strong in their convictions. Their lives and faith show the good there is in Protestantism, and their devotion to their cause is what gives the Protestant Churches power. But you are only a croaker. Fault-finding in others does not convince people of your virtues. As a rule people despise a croaker, especially when the croaker is also a hypocrite." The Visitor was sorry not to have heard the sequel, as he had to leave the car on 15th street.

As he was boarding the south bound car the Visitor was musing on the phrase "square deal," and he thought of the coiner of this phrase, popularized by him in every sphere of life, and then he thought of Roosevelt's definition of character, which runs as follows: "Resolution, courage, energy, power of self control, combined with fearlessness in taking the initiative and assuming responsibility; a just regard for the right of others, together with unflinching determination to succeed, no matter what obstacle and barriers have to be beaten down." The Visitor could not find such qualifications in croaking.

OUR FAIR.

Our Annual Fair will take place **Thursday to Saturday, December**

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.			
569,	Nov.	6,	Charles William Reichner
570,	"	6,	Emma Caroline Reichner
571,	"	6,	Margaret Lucy Reichner
572,	"	6,	Aaron Young
573,	"	6,	Mabel Young
574,	"	6	Ralph Young
575,	"	6,	Raymond Young
576,	"	10,	Grace Claudine Commo
577,	"	10,	Wilton Edras Brailey
578,	"	30,	Lillian Bingham

Baptisms in Chapel

No.			
9,	Nov.	9,	Katharine Mary Forepaugh

18 20. We appeal to all the congregation and our friends to use every effort in making this Fair a success. Send your contribution and come yourselves.

We have on hand $5 for the Coal Fund, and $2 for the Carpet Fund for the Primary Department. Who will add to them?

In the Church Building Fund we have $525.36 and in the Rectory Fund we have $118.75. Good news came from Overbrook and elsewhere of the efforts made in behalf of St. George's Church to come. This should spur us on to the utmost in the work of increasing our congregation, and to prove worthy both before God and men of the gift which is promised us, and which is to be fulfilled in due esason.

At the battle of Gettysburg 32,800 persons were killed. In the Civil War an average of 49,231 were killed each year of the war. In the battle of Waterloo, where Napoleon met his final defeat, 51,000 lost their lives. In the Franco-Prussian War 122,000 were killed. In the United States, Alcohol kills 152,789 every year. If a poisonous germ in some form of disease had killed one-half as many people, every measure of sanitation and suppression would have been in force to check the death rate. Yet magnificent breweries are continually looming high, manufacturing the poison which kills so many, and our government is in partnership with the saloon, which is the breeder of death, and what is worse than death,—social vices. What do all arguments in favor of the saloon amount to in the face of these dreadful facts?

The boy's highest ambition is to be like a man. He will imitate man both in his vices and virtues. Are not men responsible for the conduct of their boys? It is not what you *tell* the boy that will make the impression. It is what you *are* that will impress him.

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"There are two good rules which ought to be written: never to believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never to tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary."

Our Lord summed this up in a short sentence: "Judge not that ye be not judged."

CHAPEL NEWS.

The most important event of the last month in the life of the Chapel was the Confirmation service on Wednesday evening, November 12th, when the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., confirmed the following: William B. Brown, Nelson W. Pogson, Carl Augustine, Jacob McDevitt, Albert Voltz, Benjamin Hill, Harry Long, Mary Parrington, Ida Hill, Mary Carr, Irene Carr, Lulu Pilger, Sadie Seemueller, Frieda Kolb, and Harriet Lambdin. A splendid group of men, women and young people, has been thus added to the company of the faithful for God and His Church. The service was impressive and most helpful. The sermon has left a lasting impression.

On Sunday evening, November 9th, a special service was held, at which the Sunday School scholars and teachers of the Chapel received recognition for their merits in the Sunday School as follows: For perfect attendance a gold medal with the picture of the Chapel on one side and the Lord's Prayer on the other was given to the following: May Hanson, Mamie MacGregor, Wm. Abrams, Emil Karcher, Frederick Karcher, Abram MacGregor, and Walter Miller.

Silver Medals to those who have been absent from one to five times. The following are in order of merit: Esther Alexander, Lillian Abrams, Georgiana Abrams, Albert Voltz, Louis Kershaw, Edna Read, Ida Hill, Sadie Seemueller, Randal Kilpatrick, Frank Seemueller, Joseph Karcher, Josephine Hepp.

The following received honorable mention in order of their merits: Christian White, Mabel Brown, Louisa Bauman, Joseph Oechsle, Raphael Miller, Eva Brown, Jacob Morlock, Ida May Sylvester, Jacob McDevitt, Margaret Miller, Florence Sylvester, Paul Hanson, Joseph Barth, Irene Carr, John Bauman, Charles Wolf, Walter McDevitt and Henry Oechsle.

In the Primary Department, William Ferris received the Gold Medal; and the Silver Medal was awarded to the following: Josephine Hanson, Katherine Donahue, Charles Donahue, Katherine Seifert, John White, Agnes Alexander, Pearl McGovern, Tillie McGovern, Frances Hepp, Jennie Hewitt, Bertha Karcher.

The officers and teachers, nearly all of whom have been very faithful throughtout the year, were awarded medals. These small tokens will be to them a source of

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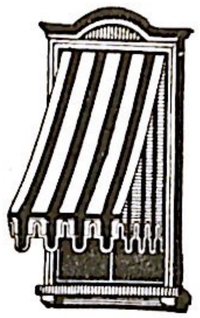
The Hallow'een Party and Supper was brilliant and most successful both socially and financially. Over 200 people were present. Mrs. Snyder and Claribel Franklin carried off the prizes for fancy dressing; Mrs. Johnson and Miss Ulrich for comic dressing. Among the men the prizes for fancy dressing were awarded to Harry Wert and Harry McCabe, and for comic dressing to Charles Seemueller and George Oechsle. Among the children, Lena Bauman and Evelyn Cartwright received prizes for fancy and comic dressing respectively. It was a joyful sight. There was much happiness and good will that evening.

There is need of a new roof for the Chapel. The present roof is about thirty years old, twenty-eight to be exact, and the shingles are fast giving away to the wind and storms, and the water is coming in through them. It will cost about $275 to put a new roof on the building. The old one is beyond repair. Here is a condition that confronts us and not a theory. It can only be met by the above amount. There is very little in the treasury.

Forty-six people attended the morning Thanksgiving service of the Chapel. A special feature this year was the making up by the people and Sunday School children of five baskets of provisions for the needy of the neighborhood. The provisions were gathered in front of the Chancel during the service, and were immediately after distributed by the committe composed of Miss Katherine C. Coulter, Mrs. Karcher and Mrs. Seemueller. The collection for the Episcopal Hospital amounted to $7.85 as against $4.25 last year.

A Homecoming Service, which means a service of reunion of all the people who have been connected in the past with the Chapel, will be held the first Sunday in this month at 7.30 P. M. It is to be hoped a large congregation will attend this beautiful and impressive service. The names of those who have departed hence in the Lord will be read.

All praise to the workers of the Chapel. The work is growing. The neighborhood is being built up. Now is the glorious opportunity to meet the men, women and children as they come into our neighborhood. God will bless our lives when we interest ourselves sympathetically in the lives and welfare of our neighbors. Our Lord showed us the way of building up the Church. He sent out his disciples seventy in number, two by two. It will tell much if our men and women would go out any time they can and canvass the neighborhood from house to house, and find out the men, women and children who might be induced to join our band for Christ and the people. The minister should also be informed where he can do some good by visiting. Let us do it with might, and in the power of the Spirit.



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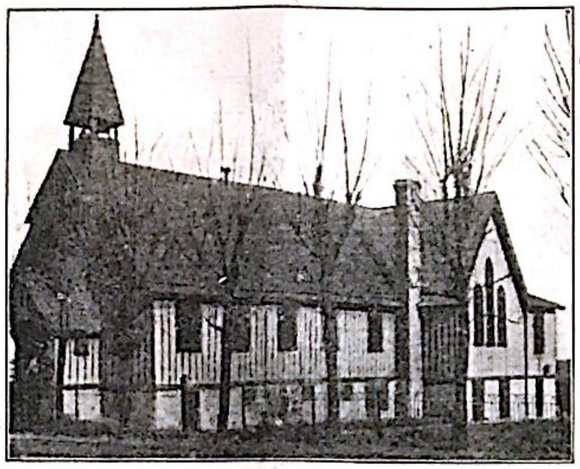
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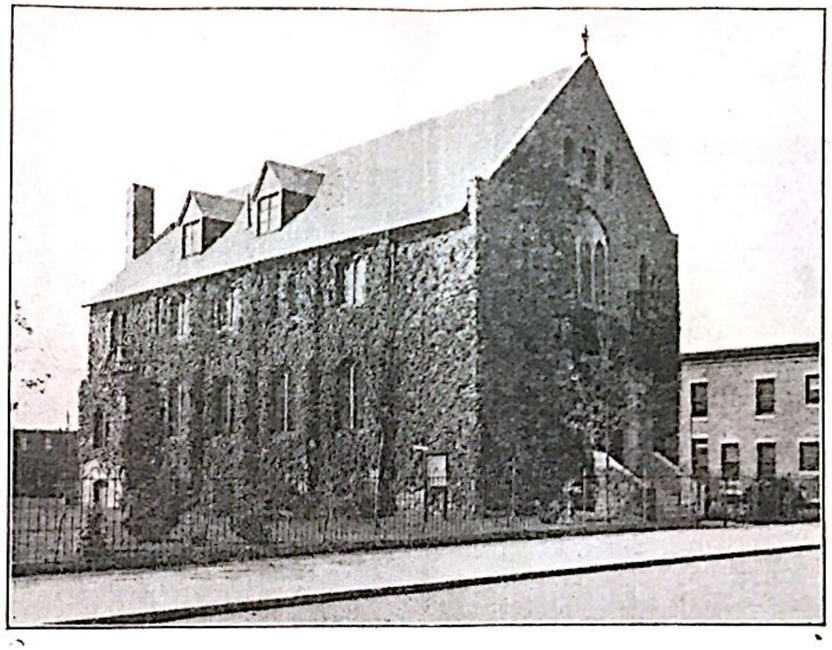
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We are at the end of one year and at the beginning of another. With 1913 we have little concern. It is gone, never to return. It is like a page in our diary, finished, to be turned over for a clean and unwritten page. Our diary must continue. And we must have something worthy of recording, or else the clean page will be covered by something unworthy. It will be either a record of good deeds done, of loyalty, of faithfulness, of helpfulness, of constructive edifying work, or of things left undone, negligence, indifference, disloyalty, selfishness, sloth and all other things that are un-Christian. 1913, therefore, concerns us only in so far as it can teach us how much better we can utilize 1914. It is the coming year that concerns us most.

The New Year is God's Christmas present to us. Just think of it: three hundred and sixty-five days of life; of light and sunshine, of work and play, and of untold opportunities for self-improvement; of rectifying mistakes and reaching out for new achievements; of completing works unfinished; of fascination of the battle of life with all its pains and griefs, joys and sorrows, tears and laughter. Do they not all make up the joy of life? Think of it: three hundred and sixty-five days of all this, and more; namely, the opportunity of repenting us truly of our former sins, and steadfastly purposing to lead a *new life!* Is there any gift greater than the year 1914 given unto us by our heavenly Father Himself. As a congregation, members and friends of St. George's, how are we going to use it? How *should* we use it? What shall the record of St. George's people be at the *end* of the year? This must be our question at the *beginning* of the year.

Our people have measured up in loyalty to their Church to any other Christian community; but is there no room for improvement? Shall we be satisfied with the *ordinary* interest and support so common, too common, among our Protestant Christians? Shall we not give the Church a larger place in our life? Shall we not place a higher value on the Church and the Sacraments? Shall we not give the Church more preference than we have done in the past? Shall we not show more interest and more love for it? Shall we not render the Church more service, and cheerfully give a more hearty support to its work. Shall we not have a clearer vision of the glory and usefulness of the Church? If sin dims this vision, shall we not rid ourselves of sin? If selfishness shuts out the radiance of the Cross, shall we not be more self-denying? If there is a wall between us and God, shall we allow it to stand? If Christ knocks at our door, shall we not open it?

To you, dear reader, are these questions directed. Will you not answer them truly? The year 1914 is your opportunity to answer them rightly.

WHAT CAN I DO?

What can you, individually, do? You can do surely one or more of the following things: Choose the things you can do, and leave the others:

1. You can come to Church more regularly.
2. You can teach in the Sunday School, or be taught to teach our children in Sunday School.
3. You can speak well of the Church to your neighbors, and invite them to come to the services, and guild meetings, and Bible Class instruction; in short, you can be a missionary, both in word and act.
4. You can pay strict attention to the notices given out from the chancel and, with enthusiasm, help the carrying out of any program proposed for the promotion of the welfare of the Church.
5. You can sing in the Choir, and use your best influence in keeping it in dignity and reverence.
6. You can come to the minister and ask him what you could do to promote the welfare of the Church. You certainly can be a loyal member of some class or society.
7. You can refrain from undue criticism, and act as a peacemaker in whatever sphere you may be.
8. You can learn how to run our moving-picture machine and get a license for that from the City Hall.
9. You can reorganize our Dramatic Club and make them do some effective work for the Church.
10. You can gather children for the Sunday School or members for the Confirmation Class.
11. You can pray to God that He may bless your work for the Church and bestow His blessing upon all those who work for the good of the Church.

SOME THINGS TO BE DONE.

1. The Communion vessels which we use in this building really belong to our Chapel, on Edgemont and Venango streets. We have been using them for both Missions. The time, however, has come when each place should have a separate Communion set of vessels. It is right for us to return the Communion vessels, we now use, to St. George's, Venango, together with the collection plates, and undertake the task of raising money to get our own vessels and collection plates. This can easily be done by an appeal to our members and friends for a five-cent weekly collection for a stated season till money enough is raised for that purpose. For this object we shall need volunteer collectors for a limited season. The societies who will furnish these volunteers will be eternally blessed in doing this work.
2. Our Primary Department room suffers much in appearance and usefulness for want of a new carpet. The old is worn out and full of holes. None of us would tolerate such a carpet in our own homes, why should we permit it in the house of God, where our little ones get their religious instruction? Are there any ways and means to get the new carpet? Our people are equal to the occasion, and can get the carpet wanted.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Friday evening, December 5,

Bishop Suffragan Thomas J. Garland visited this Mission, and in the presence of a very large congregation administered Confirmation to a splendid company of our people, as follows: Mary Arndt, Anna Bauder, Marie Bispels, Lillian Bingham, Laura Emma Boysen, Olin Walter Bryan, Elva Bryan, George Busler, Lidie Clifford Corriston, Margaret Corriston, George Rittenhouse Davis, George F. Horsfield, Florence Layer, Robert McCoach, Margaret Maneely, Reta Mackay, Fannie Kaufmann, Joseph William Neider, Russell Grover Ott, Hannah Mullin, Gertrude Savage, Mary Sing, Isabella Updike, Katherine Wambach, Mary Ella Weldon, Jennetta Campbell Walter, Thomas Weston, Anna Willcox, Elizabeth Annie Woolsey.

The Minister wishes to express his hearty thanks and appreciation for the many Christmas and New Year's cards of greeting he has received. These remembrances and tokens of friendship he values very highly; but does not think less of those from whom he did not get cards. These tokens of regard are very pleasant indeed; but a hearty devotion and loyalty to the Church he values above everything else. Christmas and New Year come once a year; but devotion to the Church continues from day to day.

The Coal Fund closed with the end of the year, and will be opened the first week in February at the usual dates and hours. We are very thankful for the good results this fund has accomplished so far.

On Sunday, December 28, our Sunday School held its Christmas service in the afternoon when the gifts were distributed. It was a happy occasion for all. We do not wish one child omitted, and shall be obliged to those who would call our attention to any oversight.

On Monday evening, December 29, our Choir gave the beautiful Christmas Cantata, "The Morn of Glory." It was the first effort in that direction in the history of our Choir, and it was rendered exceedingly well. The choir members have shown what co-operation can do, and what splendid possibilities there are in every one of them. Those who stayed away missed very much, they missed besides the pleasure of encouraging and cheering our own Choir.

On Tuesday evening, December 30, our Sunday School gave their Christmas Cantata before a full house in the basement of the building to the delight of all present. So good was it that it is by request to be repeated Friday evening, January 9. If such cantata by such dear children were given in a moving picture place, people would give 50 cents to see it. There is no Sunday School that can surpass our children in beauty and talent.

On New Year's eve a small company of our people gathered together for a watch meeting. After entertainment and refreshments in the basement a midnight service was held during which the names of those departed this life during the past year were read. The service

was closed with singing of the Doxology and the ringing of the Church bell and hearty hand-shaking with hearty good wishes.

For the information of young ladies we wish to announce that our Girls' Friendly Society has inaugurated a first-class dressmaking class under a competent instructor. This class is open every other Monday evening. The other Monday evenings are given to instruction in dancing under a competent instructor. The dues for these privileges are 5 cents a week.

We have now twenty-two boys in our Scout troops under the able leadership of Norman Turnbull, a very efficient assistant Scout master who is soon to become a master. There is nothing in the world that is better calculated to make a boy manly and useful than the Boys' Scout movement. It teaches the boy self-reliance and resourcefulness. It is anything but militarism; and their uniforms have no more connection with soldiery than our choir vetsments have with Roman Catholicism. The Boys' Scout movement is but another sign of the times pointing to the coming of Church Unity, like that of the Bible Class movement. The uniform besides is a great saving of clothes. It wears well and is free from pomp and vanity. It also promotes brotherhood and good fellowship, and acts as self-restraint in conduct, and resistance to temptation.

The time will come when drunkenness will be considered as a crime just as stealing and robbery and killing are looked upon now. For in effect there is not much difference between a drunkard or a thief or a robber, or even a murderer. Many of these crimes are caused by drinking; but drunkenness *iself* is taking the shoes off children's feet and the food from their mouths, and is killing women by inches, to say nothing of the injurious effect upon the drinker himself. When drunkenness will be regarded as a crime, or to say the least, a dangerous and pernicious disease, the sale of drink will be stopped, and those who thrive on the blood and tears of women and children will change their business to something more honorable. It is strange, passing strange, that our government should license the sale of stuff that is so destructive, and the cause of so much misery and vice, and lawlessness.

The Minister will be grateful to any person who would kindly inform him of any case of sickness or distress in which he might be able to help. He is kept very busy now; and this is the reason why your help and co-operation is needed. Why should we not all be ministers to the extent of our abilities? We certainly can do what we are able to do. And this we ought to for Christ's sake.

In a week or so we shall have our moving picture machine installed. It is a first-class one. St. George's people are certainly fortunate in getting things. It is because so many of them are disposed to give things. The more we give the more we receive. Our contri-

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
579, Dec. 28, Samuel Nelson Shore
580, " 30, Margaret Eleanore Kampf
581, " 30, William Kampf

MARRIAGES

No.
98, Dec. 15, William H. H. Snyder and Agnes Edstrand
99, Dec. 17, William E. Bahm and Laura Miller

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
241, Dec. 18, Florence Fox
242, " 19, Charles Rosenberger
243, " 24, Elizabeth Jane Hindman

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butions for Missions have been very liberal in the past.

At a recent gathering of a New Year's party in a Christian home the question was asked: What in the world is more idiotic than a young man's misbehavior during a Church Service? "The misbehaviour of a young woman," came the prompt reply. That is about all we can call it, IDIOCY. To whisper, chat, and giggle during a solemn service, what else is it but idiocy? It shows an utter lack of appreciation. The effect upon other people is pernicious. Nobody admires it. Everybody condemns it. But the only charitable view to take of a person guilty of such misconduct is to attribute it to temporary insanity or idiocy.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School very kindly thanks the Sunday School children and teachers for their Christmas gift of a nice pair of gloves. The Superintendent hardly ever wears gloves in his work. There is, therefore, a touch of unintentional humor in the suggestion of "handling them with gloves." He also deeply appreciates the gift of the Men's Bible Class who evidently thought of his comfort after a hard day's work.

The weekly envelope system has been found to be the best system of Church support by members and friends of the Church. The treasurer or the Minister, or Mr. Edgar Walter would be glad to receive applicants for sets of envelopes. It is the duty of every Christian man and woman able to do so to lay aside a little for the support of the Church. It is indeed a great privilege to have a part in building up a Church for which Christ died. Give what you can; but give cheerfully. You will never miss what you give to the Church.

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France, and who had once been an ardent Socialist, but became disappointed in its fallacies, concludes as follows: "Faith walks by itself. In order to believe, we have only to let ourselves go, to use our eyes. In order not to believe, we must do ourselves violence, submit to torture, to distortion, to exasperation; we have got to stiffen ourselves, adopt a topsy-turvy position, and keep it. Faith is altogether natural; it grows, it is simple, it advances to welcome us."

During the last three years the gifts to missions by our Church have amounted to $3,484,000, the legacies to $312,974, making a total of $3,797,000. This is outside of the special offerings, which bring the amount well over $6,000,000.

"A fine edifice erected by infidels as a lecture hall bears upon its cornerstone the date of its building, graven with the usual letters—A. D." In the year of our Lord! The civilized world has no other way of reckoning time. Every newspaper, book, and coin points back to the birth in the little town of Bethlehem. Every history of events before His coming points forward along the centuries to that one central event. It is a reckoning that has come about not by the decree of prelates or emperors, but by the world's acknowledgment of the Christ as the most important fact in human history. Even those who deny Him must still do homage to Jesus of Nazareth in every legal document they sign, in every letter they write."

CHAPEL NEWS.

The Kindergarten Christmas festival which took place in the basement of the Chapel, Tuesday afternoon, December 23, exceeded all expression of praise. In spite of the pouring rain fifty-six little ones took part in the festival in the presence of a goodly audience of mothers and a few fathers. The children on the program did wonderfully well. We were glad to be visited for a short time by Mrs. Wilbur Hamilton of St. Asaph's, Bala, with some friends and a company of children who witnessed part of the program. One could not help marvel the possibilities of little children in good training. The Kindergarten is the brightest spot in the neighborhood; and the festival will not be forgotten by all who witnessed it. Miss Ott, the teacher, has endeared herself to nearly all the parents of the neighborhood. Her class this season numbers fifty pupils, and it is wonderful how she manages thirty-five and forty-five little ones at a time. They all love her. Those who make it possible to maintain this Kindergarten are earning for themselves a never failing source of satisfaction; and they will be blessed for evermore.

Another glorious occasion was the Christmas Cantata given by the Sunday School in the Chapel, Friday evening, December 26, under the management of our Miss Katherine C. Coulter, assisted by her sister, Miss Lillian Coulter, two most execellent young women of real worth. There was a very large audience of Venango people

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who enjoyed the Cantata immensely. Mr. Harry Arndt has again earned for himself the title of Santa Claus. The children did splendidly.

The Home Coming Service was held in the Chapel, Sunday evening, December 7. There were over one hundred present notwithstanding the very rainy night. The service was both inspiring and impressive, and the people were glad to greet the former attendants of the Chapel.

There is a source of secret pride of which we are not ashamed to boast; and this is the sweet loyalty and devotion of the Chapel people to their place of worship. Without the service of sexton the building is kept scrupulously clean, and the Altar inspires reverence. Much care and the best taste were manifested in the Christmas decorations.

A handsomely polished oak credence table was presented to the Chapel by Mr. and Mrs. Sladen. It is a piece of furniture which was much needed and is therefore much appreciated by the people.

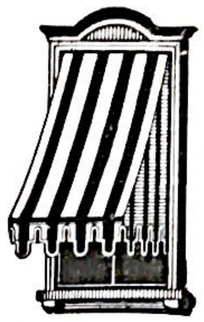
Sunday after Christmas the Sunday School held a carol service in the afternoon. There was a full attendance of the school, and the children delighted in singing the Christmas carols and hymns. The evening service was very inspiring. There were sixty-two people present and the choir of eighteen voices rendered the special Christmas music in commendable manner. "The Spirit of Christmas," writes Mr. Barnes, "was in evidence at the little Church, and the observances will linger long in the memory of all who attended. Those who were absent certainly missed much."

The treasurer would appreciate a few more subscribers to the weekly envelope system of supporting the Chapel.

The recent rains and winds are pressing more and more the need of a roof over the Chapel. The last storm brought down the top of the bell-cote. Something will have to be done soon to keep the rain out.

Again we must urge our good workers and all our people to do what they can in locating the new people moving into the neighborhood, and help to gather the children into the Sunday School. We must all be missionaries, and so fulfill the commandments of Christ.

Abraham Lincoln said: "If we do right, God will be with us, and if He is with us, we cannot fail." Emerson said: "Life is not so short but there is always time enough for courtesy." And Charles Kinsley said: "If you want to be miserable, think about yourself."



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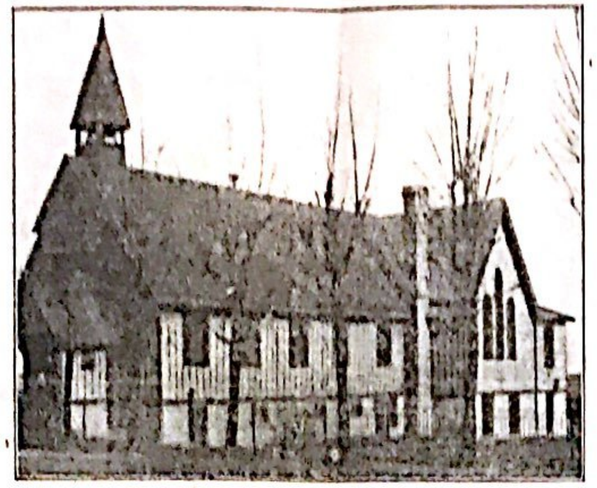
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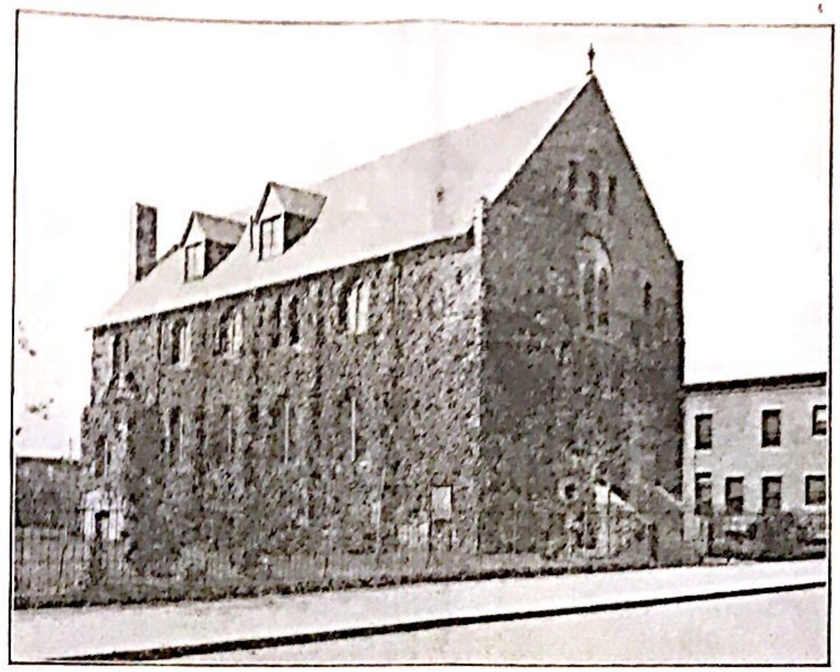
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LENT.

We cannot contemplate the character or genius of our Church without quickening our loyalty and deepening our affection for it. Our Bishops, in their Pastoral Letter of 1913, with one voice strongly proclaimed the truth when they said that "The unchanging need of men is the Christ." It is to supply this need that the Church has established most naturally what is called the *Church Year*. Surely in this is manifested the guidance of the Holy Spirit, since the various seasons which make up this year help to reproduce in our minds and hearts the unique life of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He might dwell in us and we in Him. For only in this way can His mission in this world become effective. We must have the Church in order that we may faithfully observe the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper which He Himself ordained. We must observe the Services on the Lord's Day in order that we might hear the Word of God and the teaching of His Son about Him. And we must also keep fresh in our minds and hearts, year by year, every fact of our Lord's life; lest in an unsystematic and loose way of worship, we might minimize or forget some phase or fact in our Lord's life, and thus fail in our efforts of being truly Christian.

Our Church also wisely provides for Feast Days to commemorate the lives and deaths of the Apostles, for they are important factors in the life of our Lord; they are the eye witnesses. But the multiplication of Saints' Days in our lives may work more harm than the danger of being without our Church Year at all. Day by day we must draw our inspiration from Christ Himself, keeping also in mind the testimony of the eye witnesses that our lives might grow more and more unto the likeness of His. But we must not live by proxy, which is inevitable if every day is a saint's day. It is much better if most of our days are the Lord's days, and that our Communion with Him daily is made direct; for only in this way real saints are made. We should keep close connection with the original source. In this connection godliness is more safe.

Thus, we have just passed the celebration of the good news of the birth of our Lord in Christmas. We also observe the memorial days of St. Stephen, the first martyr for the Church; St. John, the Evangelist; Innocents' Day, in memory of the little ones who were slaughtered by King Herod in his effort to destroy the child Jesus with them; Circumcision, the existing law to which He was subject; the Epiphany, which brings to our minds the various ways in which our Lord manifested Himself to the world as the Son of God; the Conversion of St. Paul, who has done more to propagate Christianity throughout the world than any other Apostle. And now Lent is approaching. It begins with what

is commonly called Ash Wednesday, on the 25th of this month. Lent brings us close to the life of our Lord at the very beginning of His ministry. It tells us of His temptations and how He overcame them. It is a phase of our Lord's life, the contemplation of which must needs sober us, and strike the more serious note in our lives.

Your estimate and love for Christ will be the measure of your observance of Lent. You must not do violence to your better nature. You centainly would not commemorate the sufferings of your best friend with a dance, a jovial house party, or trifling amusements, especially the Friend who suffered and died for you. You would naturally adjust your conduct and manner of living in harmony with the season.

Moreover, if you do not love Christ for what He did for you and all mankind, and for what He is doing daily, you cannot observe Lent no matter how long a face you may wear, and how much you may fast.

Remember that Christ's gospel is a joyous message. Mere self-denial by self-torture, mere suppression of the "flesh" as evil in itself in order that you may come nearer to God is not Christian. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." It is the kind of giving which comes spontaneously from a love of Him in whose name you give. This is Christian fasting. You love Christ because He said: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep." There is a difference between seeking credit from God for self-denial, and cheerful denial of self for the love of Him who first loved us, and gave Himself for us. True, this we ought to do every day of our life; but if we are not reminded of this in Lent, if Lent is ignored, we shall not be likely to observe this principle on any other day. Hence, the wisdom of Lent.

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GOOD WORK.

It is with that true Lenten spirit that twelve of our women have undertaken a noble work. It is an undertaking which all good people will heartily approve by their ready response and co-operation. It has been decided rightly that the Communion vessels and also the collection plates now used in this Church should be returned to the Chapel to whom they were originally given. The Chapel people have proved themselves abundantly loyal, and by the grace of God have grown into a goodly congregation. And though they never asked for them, the Communion vessels and collection plates formerly used in the Chapel should be returned to our Chapel people.

It was thought proper that in getting the new Communion vessels and collection plates for St. George's, Richmond, all who wish should have a part; that is, that the vessels should be the contribution of all our people, members and friends of the Church. For Communion means *Fellowship* in Christ with one another. The vessels should be symbolic of that spirit. And to carry this spirit into practice twelve of our women have volunteered to act as collectors for

three months, and with books provided in their hands, solicit from our people a weekly contribution. In three months, it is estimated, money enough will be raised by our people to provide for this Church a set of Communion vessels and collection plates which would truly represent their loyalty and devotion to the Church and their privilege at the Lord's Table.

The following are the women who have taken upon themselves the task of collectors and visitors; Mesdames Abrahamson, Arndt, Bauder, Bauer, Blodgett, Jacobs, McKinley, Marquess, Moffatt, Savage, Walter and White. The number twelve is suggestive. The undertaking is most laudable. God will bless all who interest themselves therein.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The women of the Bible Class, which is growing and prospering, met at the house of their excellent teacher, Mrs. Robert S. Bright, on Tuesday afternoon, January 27th, to listen to an address by the medical missionary, Dr. Mina Mackenzie, stationed in Zenana, South India. In Mrs. Bright our women have a most faithful teacher and friend. She has the true missionary spirit. A missionary goes out of his neighborhood into another where his help is needed, without measuring distance or counting the cost, and does it unostentatiously and modestly, utterly unconscious of doing a great thing, yet doing the greatest thing a man or woman can do. This accounts for the growing missionary spirit among our women.

On Tuesday evening, February 3d, our Drexel-Biddle Men's Bible Class will give a grand entertainment in the basement of this Parish House, for the benefit of the Church. Admission, 15 cents.

Whatsoever activity, whatsoever success, in the growth of the Church, is due to the truly Christion spirit and honesty of heart wherever it may be. We need not mention names. God knows His own.

The Women's Guild is to give an entertainment on Tuesday evening, February 24th, for the benefit of the Church. Admission, 15 cents. We are glad to report that the spirit of the Old Chapel people is spreading rapidly in St. George's, Richmond. It is the true Christian spirit. It is the spirit of personal service. More and more we are coming to the true life of the Church. Let everybody have a share in the building up of the Church.

Those who have not yet taken out envelopes for their weekly support of the Church can do so by applying to Mr. Edgar Walter, member of our Finance Committee, composed of five gentlemen who are looking after the material welfare of the Church. We trust they will meet with the hearty co-operation of our members and friends.

Our Church Council meets every second Saturday evening in the month at 8 o'clock. The next meeting comes on February 14th. It is important that all members be present. We suggest therefore that they save this date for the Council.

At this writing preparations are made for an Admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society Sunday evening, February 1st. The number admitted will appear in the next issue. The G. F. S. has made remarkable progress lately. It was found good to foster the G. F. S. spirit among the little girls, and two classes of candidates have been formed. The older girls meet on Thursday evening, and the little girls on Monday afternoon, at 3.30.

The members of the G. F. S. meet on Monday evening. They have an instructor in dressmaking as well as a teacher in dancing. They join frequently in corporated Communion, and are spreading among girls the noble principles of the Society. During Lent they will sew for a school among the mountaineers.

The Drexel-Biddle Young Ladies' Bible Class which meets on Sunday at 9 A. M., have shown recently a marked improvement in attendance. It should be the pride and ambition of the members to make their class praiseworthy.

On Thursday evening, January 15th, Deputy Commissioner J. W. Patton, visited our Boys' Scout troop. It was a memorable evening. Our troop is in the process of formation. On Thursday evening, January 22d, about 16 candidates took the Scout oath upon an open Bible in the presence of the Minister. Each candidate stepped up to the chancel rail, saluted the national flag, and said: "On my honor I will do my best (1) to do my duty to God and my country, and obey the Scout law; (2) to help other people at all times; (3) to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." The Scout law referred to are a few rules of personal conduct calculated to develop in the boy power of observation, cleanliness on body and mind and companionship, and other Christian manly qualities. Those who know the movement are convinced that it is the greatest movement for good among boys, and boys are the future men of our nation. Parents should do their utmost to have their boys join the movement. The Boys' Scout movement has enlisted the interest and help of the best and kindliest men of the world.

The Minister has received a petition from twenty of our girls for the organization of a Camp Fire Girls' Company. He has written to the headquarters in New York for information, and as soon as he hears in reply, and finds the proper leader, we shall have the Camp Fire Girls organized here.

We would be obliged to any one sending us a copy of the VISITOR for October, 1912, and also for September, 1913. Those two numbers are needed to complete the file of our parish paper.

A small Prayer Book and Hymnal was lost a few weeks ago on Gaul street between Ann street and Allegheny avenue. The owner, Miss McIntyre, who prizes it for the memories associated with it, would appreciate very highly the return of this book. If this notice meets the eye of the finder he may communicate with us.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
582, Jan. 11, William Armstrong
583, " 25. Margaret Dyke Coulter

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
244, Jan. 14, Jennie Kampf
245, " 14, William Saybolt

Baptisms in Chapel

No.
10, Jan. 11, David Edwin Carr
11, " 11, William Griess

Some time ago some of our boys have undertaken the caning of chairs. There is a rocking chair left without a mark. We should be glad to return it to the owner when claimed.

Our G. F. S. members and friends are invited to attend a Missionary Service at Old Christ Church, Second and Market, Sunday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock. One of the speakers will be Rev. P. N. Tsu, of China.

Our Men's Club continues to meet regularly, though somewhat interrupted by the holiday entertainments. Any man wishing to enjoy the companionship and sociability of clean, decent men can spend his Thursday evenings in St. George's Club profitably. The Club can be made a valuable instrument for mutual helpfulness.

VARIOUS FUNDS.

Coal Fund, last reported, $5. Received from a friend, $25. Total on hand, $30.

Carpet Fund, last reported, $2. From repetition of Christmas Cantata, $14.30. Total on hand, $16.30.

Church Building Fund, last reported, $525.36.

The Rectory Fund, $118.75.

The Fair, December 18-20, brought $94.13. We cannot praise too much the faithful work of some of our people. Of necessity we all cannot do what we should like to do; but we all can appreciate the work which some are doing, and encourage them, and if possible imitate them.

A great step in advance has been made in the work of our Sunday School in the organization of a Teachers' Meeting which takes place every Friday evening at 7.30. At this meeting the lesson of the following Sunday is gone over and explained. For the opening of the meeting all the teachers of the various departments assemble to-

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gether, and then divide themselves into their departments to study the lessons under their leaders. This meeting is doing very much to encourage our teachers in their work, and to make it more efficient. We appeal to such of our congregation as are inclined to teach in the Sunday School to attend our Teachers' Meetings. There is no higher work than Sunday School work in the Church.

We need more men's voices in the Choir. There are some vacancies for boys with good voices. You cannot find a better opportunity for your voice and for good service than to serve in St. George's Choir.

Doubtless you have read about or seen the moving picture play, called "Traffic in Souls." It is a horrible picture of commercialized vice and immorality. But no less a "traffic in souls" is the liquor traffic; and an equally horrible picture might be shown of the scenes going on behind the screened doors of the saloon. Indeed liquor plays a chief part in the seduction and the ruination of the innocent and the pure.

Hear the cry of the man who has felt the pain and shame of the liquor traffic. Once a valiant defender of the respectable saloon, ex-Governor Pattison, now proclaims that "there is no such a thing as a respectable saloon. There is not a law made by God or man that the liquor interests will respect. If you ever find a virtuous prostitute, an honest thief, a straight crook, you may expect to find a respectable saloon, but not until then. . . . If we have no sorrows, liquor creates them, and if we have them liquor increases them and makes them harder to bear. Liquor is the thief of character. It invades the ballot-box and corrupts it. Liquor weakens the administration of justice. What shall we do with this thing that destroys our homes?" Yes, dear reader, *what shall we do with this thing that destroys our homes?*

We usually pass by many strange things without questioning simply because we have seen them so often. But why do saloons have screened doors? If drinking is right and the business is legitimate, why are they not as open as restaurants, and stores and bakeries? Do they have side entrances in other places? "Ladies' Entrance" forsooth!

Why do they send a cocaine trafficker to prison, and elect a saloonkeeper to city council or to a directorate of a public school?

Dr. Maus publicly declares, and verifies his statement by indisputable figures, that there are about a million degenerates in this country, mostly the result of drinking. Insanity, feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, deaf and dumbness, blindness, juvenile delinquency, pauperism, and crime are all mostly traced to parental intoxication. The children of drinking parents, the doctor shows, "range from moderate enfeeblement in mental and physical growth to the lowest grade of idiocy and monstrosity." Is not this a traffic in souls? Is it a wonder that the Pittsburgh Board of Trade demands prohibition in the United States? Their resolu-

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tion blames the saloon for our country's evils. What does our government do in this matter? What do you do in this matter?

"The wisest men say little, but saw wood. How big is your wood pile?"

"In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, be not like dumb, driven cattle! Be a hero in the strife!"

This is what the Bishops of our Church say: "We entreat the mothers and fathers in the Church, to whom God has committed the children as a sacred trust, to see to it that these little ones are instructed in those principles of the faith which are the safeguards of the home and society, the bulwarks of the State, and the ideals of civilization."

"If you can't do the work you like to do, try to like the work you have to do."

"What I must do is all that concerns me, not what people think."

"Success comes in *cans*, failure comes in *can'ts*."

"It is right to be contented with what we *have*, but never with what we *are*."

"Virtue, not ancestry, makes men truly noble."

CHAPEL NEWS.

Calendar.

Feb.

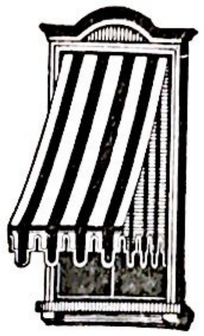
1. Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.
8. Septuagesima Sunday.
15. Sexagesima Sunday.
22. Quinquagesima Sunday.
24. St. Matthias.
25. *Ash Wednesday.*

All our people of the Chapel join in thanking heartily the anonymous friends who helped to make up the balance needed for the new roof of the Chapel. Mrs. Karcher brought in $10, and Mrs. Oechsle $10, and now we have the $275 wanted, and with a cheerful and thankful heart we are looking for the carpenter to do the work. "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

The Chapel Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has changed its meetings from Tuesday to Monday evening. It is under the guidance of Miss Ethel A. Ott, who is also the teacher of the daily kindergarten. The girls have the chance of their life to do for themselves and other girls something to which they may look in coming years with deep satisfaction. Try to cultivate and maintain a true Christian friendship among the girls of the neighborhood.

We are preparing for a great sauer kraut supper on Thursday evening, February 5th. Admission, 20 cents.

On Sunday afternoon our Drexel-Biddle Bible Class held a helpful union meeting with the newly formed class at the Methodist Church, our neighbor. There were about 40 men present. Mr. Arkin, who was the invited speaker, addressed the men. This is a new movement in Venango, and all indications are that this missionary spirit among the men in Venango has come to stay. May God bless the good work.



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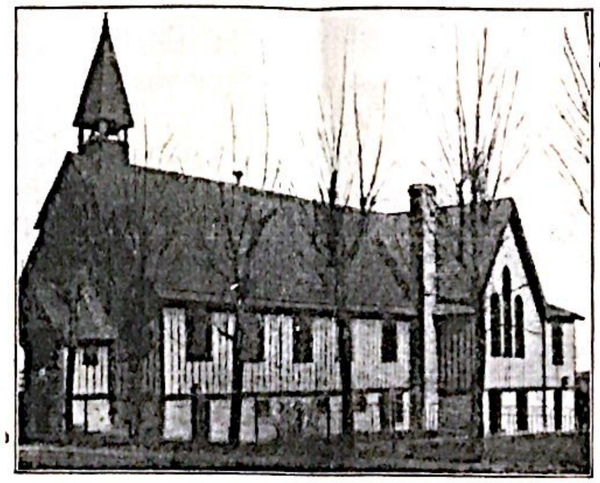
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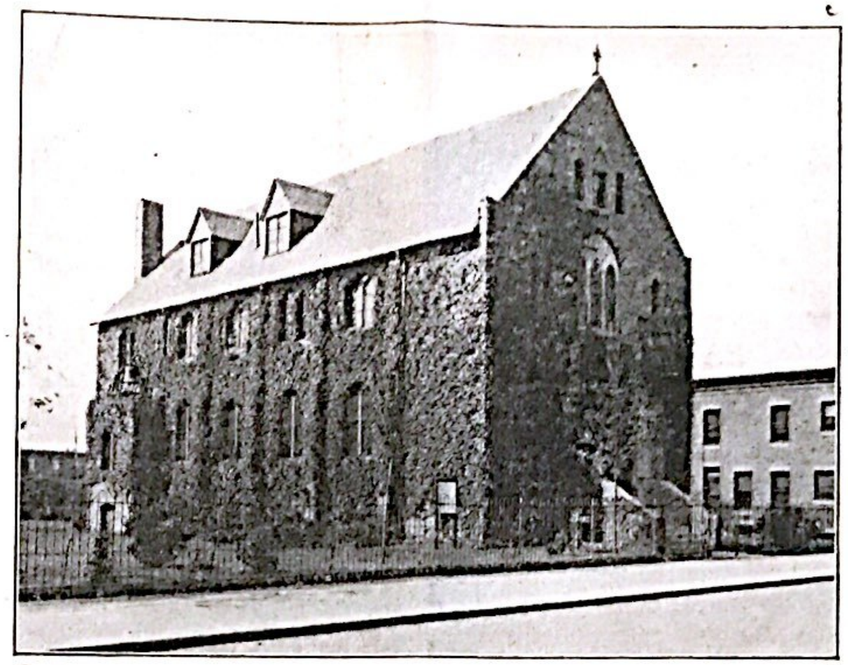
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EASTER.

What is the meaning of Easter? Have you thought of it? Have you thought deeply of it? To each thing there is an outward sign and an inward meaning; a husk and a kernel. Some people, like the animals in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, live on husks; but real men and women will not be satisfied until they get to the kernel, to the meaning, or the spirit of things. What is the meaning of Easter? What does this observance of Easter signify? What kernel full of life-giving nourishment is there hid inside of this beautiful husk? What eternal spirit dwells within that joyous figure which comes to us yearly with the breath of sweetest flowers, and gives to Spring the name of Eastertide? It is, dear reader, the spirit of hope and of progress which continues to re-emphasize the fact that in the midst of DEATH we are in LIFE. Read the following words slowly and thoughtfully:

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." (St. John 11:25.)

"As the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself. . . . Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment." (St. John 5:26-28.)

"And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." (Acts 4:33.)

"As in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:22.)

"And he died for all, that they who live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again." (2 Cor. 5:15.)

"Like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him by the likeness of His death, we shall be also by the likeness of his resurrection." (Rom. 6:4, 5.)

"As He died, and rose again for us, so shall we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness." (The Book of Common Prayer, page 251.)

CALENDAR.

April.
5, Sixth (Palm) Sunday in Lent.
8, Wednesday before Easter.
9, Maundy Thursday.
10, Good Friday.
12, EASTER DAY.
19, First Sunday after Easter.
25, St. Mark, Evangelist.
26, Second Sunday after Easter.

During Holy Week, the week before Easter, our people are urged to attend the evening Services on Wednesday, Thursday (Holy Communion), and Good Friday, at 8 o'clock.

Easter Day we shall have an early Service of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock, and morning Service at 10.30; Sunday School Festival at 2 P. M., and in the evening a union service of all our Bible Classes and Societies. Surely the Bible Classes preeminently should make this service memorable in the history of this Church. Let each class and society make it its ambition to send the largest percentage of delegation on that evening service. In what better way can we show our light that men may see our work, and glorify the Father which is in heaven?

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On account of Saturday evenings given to our Moving Picture shows, the meetings of our Council will be held the second Friday evening in the month, at 8.30, right after the Teachers' meeting. The next Parish Council will be held on Good Friday evening, right after the evening service. It is of utmost importance that all members be present.

It is equally important that our Sunday School teachers attend the Friday evening meetings to learn and discuss the lesson for the following Sunday, and to make such suggestions as will further the growth and efficiency of our Sunday School. If you wish to help in the Sunday School as a teacher, come to these meetings. We will show you how you can become a teacher, and earn the glory of it. The Lord loves Sunday School teachers because He loves little children.

The brightest spot in the life of our Women's Guild is the birthday celebrations observed by all in good will to each. It is a joy to each member to act the hostess, after the business meeting, in entertaining the other members in the celebration of her birthday. It is a very simple and inexpensive feast, but it is rich in good will and Christian fellowship. During the last month the following acted as hostesses: Mrs. Abrahamson, Mrs. Levering, Mrs. Wm. McKinley and Mrs. Wentzell. Why should not our other societies go and do likewise. For it is very good, indeed.

The Sunday School Superintendent takes keen delight to send birthday congratulations to every scholar. He begs, therefore, the whole Sunday School to co-operate with him so that he might not omit any one through oversight. In case of an omission you should remind him of it, and he will be very grateful to you. The following children have sent in their thanksgiving birthday offering during March, enabling the Superintendent to make this honorable mention. The offerings are devoted to Missions:

Anna Abrahamson, Charles Bloomer, Sterling Bryan, Nellie May. Busler, Marie Capper, Joseph Coulter, Richard Honeyford, Florence Keebler, Robert Kirland, Dorothy Layer, Milly Lebo, Marion

Moffatt, William Patterson, Viola Pleasure, Thomas Pleasure, Katie Saybolt, Anna Saybolt, Florence Saxton, Charles Shorter, Norman Speier, Mary Ella Weldon, and Ethel Woolsey. We congratulate them and wish a long and Christian life which is a happy one.

Our children have taken home the Lenten Boxes in which they are to present on Easter Day their Offerings for Missions. It is their self-denial offerings for Missions. They should be encouraged in this habit of giving to the Church. They will be the better men and women for it. Our boys and girls should do their best to make a good record for St. George's in giving towards Missions. We are sure they will.

May we remind our friends of the needs of our store. While the buyers are many, the things to be sold are few. Business is slack on this account. There has been nothing coming in. Please send us the things you can spare which we can turn to account both for the buyers and this Mission. Our rummage sales take place the 1st Wednesday in the month, at 2 P. M.

The Minister would be grateful to all those who would speak to him about Confirmation and letters of transfer. Every year the Churches of our Diocese hold a Diocesan Convention. It is presided over by the Bishop. Each Church or Mission has to send in an annual report of all its doings throughout the year. The Minister is supposed also to look over the list of membership, and clean it of "dead wood," and send in the number of those who can be reasonably counted as communicants. It is to be hoped that our people will do all they can to show an increase this year over that of last year. Some of this report will be published in the next issue.

Our Moving Picture and Stereopticon Machine is a great success. But our people do not all know it. It is but a small matter to drop in on Saturday evening with a nickel, and see.

We have inaugurated a two-penny show for children on Saturday at 3.30 P. M. When business permits we shall reduce it to one penny. For adults it is five cents. Our pictures are superb. During intermissions our young people furnish songs and recitations.

Make no engagements on Saturday evening, April 11, but come and see the latest Passion Play in moving pictures, most beautifully colored, given in the Parish House. The show will begin at 8 o'clock sharp. Owing to the larger expense we have to charge 10 cents admission on that evening. Come and bring your friends.

In our Prayer Book on page 281 there is the following rubric, or direction: "When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish, etc." When that was written the Minister of a Parish had more time for study and prayer, so one notice was sufficient. But now, in the rush of business, the Minister might need the help of a reminder. In other words, it works better when all cooperate and remind one another of things to be done for the good of all. This is Christian.

The test of a right or wrong action is the question: "Is it Christian?" Beware of things counterfeit. There is such a thing as counterfeit righteousness. And the devil, the chief counterfeiter, and the father of lies, is a master of his art. He will give sin an appearance of virtue. He is catching more men and women in this way than in showing them the real article of his trade. For example: He will say to you, if you come to Holy Communion without being perfect you are doing wrong. If you have done something which you know is wrong it is better for you to stay away from Communion. On the surface this is plausible; but if he could persuade all people by this argument, the Lord's Table would be wholly deserted. But most Christians instinctively feel this argument to be fallacious, therefore they do come to Communion, not because of their virtues, but because of God's forgiveness and mercy. The one who is deceived by the devil begins to pride himself upon the fact of his not being as bad as others, because HE, forsooth, is treating our Lord with more consideration by staying away. Behold, a modern, clean-cut, respectable Pharisee who is not as bad as that publican who prays "Lord forgive me, a sinner," yet he is waiting to be better before he will come to Communion. And when he gets good and ready, and feels he is good enough, he will come to Communion, and say in his heart: "Now I am good enough, and am entitled to the Lord's Supper." Put the test to this. "Is it Christian?" Can any one ever be good enough? Is there a man without sin? What becomes of the Christian doctrine of the forgiveness of sin? Is it not a presumption and blasphemy on the part of any one to regard himself good enough, at any time? What hope is there for any person to grow better by staying away from Holy Communion? Is not staying away a denial of the efficacy of the Blood of Christ to cleanse us from all sin? What does our service say: "We do not presume to come to this, Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table."

Read over the whole service, and see if staying away from Communion is Christian.

Bring to the Parish House or send to it all old rubber which you can spare. We can make use of it and turn it into money for the Church.

It is gratifying to read in the Public School monthly paper the names of our children who distinguished themselves in regularity of attendance during February. They are as follows: Wilbur MacDonald, Mary Dougherty, Alfred Abra-

hamson, Elizabeth Corrigan, Raymond Fleckinger, Chas. Moyer and Margaret Maneely.

On Sunday, March 22, Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle visited our Bible Classes at 9 A. M., and found about sixty men in one room and twelve young ladies in another room studying the Scriptures. The life and enthusiasm which this noble gentleman gives to the average man and woman by his personal work in the great Bible Class movement bearing his name, is inestimable. On the 29th of March Mr. Biddle visited the Bible Classes in Venango with great success. "By their fruit ye shall know them."

The rumor of a Church being built in this Mission on the vacant lot next to the Parish House is gradually being materialized into a fact. Our people will doubtless be equal to the occasion, and by their increasing loyalty and love for the Church will justify this great undertaking.

This is a bugle call to our people to get busy in organizing such activities which go to make a Parish grow. We are growing, but we can grow a little faster.

The weekly collection towards the new set of Communion vessels and collection plates is a decided success, both materially and spiritually. On Easter morning we hope to use the new vessels and collection plates, though there still remains one month to collect, and we shall be glad and joyful to see in Church all those who contributed so cheerfully to these things.

Please read the letter accompanying the Easter envelope. Read it thoughtfully, and offer what you can towards the support of the Church. It is an opportunity which comes only once a year.

For some years our Primary Department children of the Sunday School were working to cover up the picture of a big Egyptian idol by pasting over it squares of yellow paper at the rate of 25 cents a square. It is all covered at a cost of $50, which money has been devoted year by year to Missions. This was originated by Miss Olive Brown, who has been invited to act master of ceremonies in the burning of this idol in the presence of our children, Sunday afternoon, April 5th.

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of weekly envelope subscribers. Read it over, and if your name is omitted, kindly let us know. We wish to keep a correct list of regular subscribers. If you have not already so done, apply for a set of envelopes. It is the best and easiest way of doing your duty towards the Church.

We need badly a carpet for the Primary Department of the Sunday School. There was in the carpet fund on hand, $29. Received from an old friend, $10. Total on hand, $39. It will cost about $75.

Coal Fund, previously reported, $45. Received from Men's Club, $10. Total on hand, $55.

Our Finance Committee is glad to announce that more than 20 new subscribers, by weekly envelopes, have been added to the list since the last issue a month ago. If any names are omitted by mistake we should be thankful for the correction. Our Finance Committee will also be grateful for new applicants. We shall keep adding them to the present list, which is as follows:

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590, March 1, Olive Fietta Collins
591, " 5, Catherine Rosenberger
592, " 8, Margaret Miller
593, " 14, Charles Beaver

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McDowell, Miss Florence.
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"The only way to prevent what's past is to put a stop to it before it happens."

Christ is the only one who can save us from the past.

A German poet says: "The ages of faith are the only fruitful ages."

The following is for the benefit of our German friends:

O, wie schoen ist deine Welt,
Vater, wenn sie golden strahlet,
Wenn dein Glantz herniederfaellt
Und den Staub mit schimmer malet.
Wenn das Roth, das in der Wolke blinkt,
In mein stilles Fenster sinkt.

Koennt' ich klagen, koennt' ich zagen,
Irre sein an dir und mir
Nein, ich will in Busen tragen
Deinen Himmel schoen allhier.
Und dies Herz, eh' es zusammenbricht.
Trinkt noch Gluth und schluerft noch Licht.

Physicians insist that whooping cough is very dangerous, and that it is not necessary to have it. Children should not be exposed to it. The children suffering from this disease should be kept in a well ventilated room, which is quiet and free of dust. Fresh air and good nourishment are of first importance to recovery. The child should be kept in bed while it has fever and is weak.

Dean Sumner says: "The greatest adjunct and the greatest supporter of vice is the saloon. There is no institution quite so damnable in breaking down the efficiency of government, and the integrity of the home and the nation."

"General G. J. Burnett of the British army is the authority for the statement that nine-tenths of the crime and three-fourths of the invaliding in the army is caused by drink."

It is strange that the liquor men do not sue these gentlemen for libel. But if these gentlemen are right, what sort of a government is it that permits such an institution to exist for a money consideration, no matter how large?

It has been found that the children who die in infancy are double in number in places where women drink. Yet our government licenses saloons.

Mr. Robert J. McKenty, Warden of the Eastern Penitentiary, states emphatically that lying "Movie" films make boy criminals. Mr. McKenty certainly ought to know whereof he speaks. Yet the movies are crowded with parents who take their boys with them indiscriminately.

The greatest movement in modern times in the interest of boys, next to the Sunday School, is the Scout movement. It is a splendid antidote for all the poisons which boys are bound to come in contact with in their journey of life. Many a boy is actually smothered with

kindness that is blind; and this kind of kindness is showered upon him quite often by his parents. Scout training brings out of the boy everything that is manly, dignified and noble. It is the best preparatory school to the great life's university. Much of course will depend upon the boy and more upon the parents; but the Scout movement as such is not excelled by any other in the interest of boys.

Our troop, No. 60, meets every Tuesday evening at 7.45 P. M. Mr. Norman Turnbull, of the Church Boys' Club, Assistant Scout Master, is in immediate charge of the boys under the supervision of the Minister. They are a fine lot of real boys of much promise.

On Sunday evening, March 15, Mr. Douglas Forman of the University of Pennsylvania, addressed our congregation on Missions in India; and Mr. Louis Fallon of the same place gave an illustrated address Sunday evening, March 29, on the work of Dr. Grenfel among the fishermen in Labrador. Both addresses were very much appreciated by our people, who are grateful to the gentlemen of the University.

Our choir is doing very well, indeed; but there is room for improvement in increasing the number of voices, especially of tenors, basses and altos, and in discipline, promptness of attendance at rehearsals. The prospects are more promising now than ever before.

CHAPEL NOTES.

We trust that all who have received the Easter Envelope for their special Easter offering will make good use of it. If any have failed to get it, they can easily secure it from the Treasurer, or use their own envelope, and put their name on it.

We are looking towards a joyful early Easter Communion at 7 A. M., when our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Arkin, will officiate. We should all of us do our best to be present to receive the Communion vessels and collection plates, which will be restored to us that morning.

Our Sunday School will have a choral service at 2.30 P. M. To this service all the parents and their families and friends are invited. You, fathers and mothers, should share with your children the joy of Easter Day, and you cannot do this better than to attend their Easter service. It is also your service. Come with your boys and girls, they will love you the more for it.

Be looking forward also to our bright and joyful evening service on Easter Day at 7.30, when Easter music will be rendered by our choir, which is making great preparations for it. Bring your friends with you.

The Chapel will be appropriately decorated with flowers, through the efforts of Mrs. Seemueller and Mrs. Karcher, through whose efforts the money for the flowers is being collected.

The following is a sample program of our Chapel choir: Bass solo by Mr. John Green, with chorus by choir. Anthem with soprano and alto parts by Misses Sadie and May Hanson and Edna Reed. Quartet selections with tenor and alto duet. Miss Sadie Hanson, soprano; Miss Edna Reed, alto; Charles Seemueller, tenor, and Morris Bieber, bass. Solo by Master John Bauman, with refrain by choir. All this speaks for the laudable faithful work both of the choir members and the choirmaster. We are indebted to Mrs. Sladen both for advice and the loan of appropriate selections, which will be made good use of in the near future.

After Easter, the building of the new roof and other needed repairs will be taken up energetically. By a unanimous desire of the congretion this work has been placed in the hands of George E. Sladen & Co., thus insuring a good honest job.

The Social Club is eager to increase its activities for the Church.

A new comic play is planned.

The young men will be responsible for the keeping of the lawn and flower beds in good shape, and also care for the tennis court.

The Social Club will give in the near future the comedy, "The Depot Lunch Counter," at the Parish House (Richmond). This comedy was given successfully by the Social Club at the Chapel last February.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Round Table conference for the Northeast section will be held at the Chapel Thursday, April 30th, at 8 P. M.

To this conference all the men of the neighborhood are cordially invited.

Do not fail to go to the moving pictures shown at the Parish House every Saturday, at 3.30 P. M. Admission for children 2 cents; adults, 5; at 8 P. M., 5 cents. The latest Passion Play will be given April 11th. Ticket 10 cents; children, 5 cents.

The best, and surest and easiest way to support materially the Church is by the Duplex weekly envelope system. When the envelopes are looked after regularly the result is highly satisfactory, both to the giver and to the Church. It is therefore highly gratifying to have the following list of those who contribute weekly by envelope towards the Chepel:

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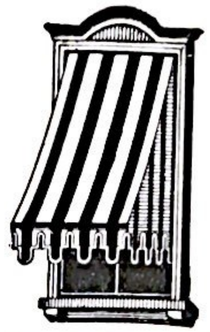
As applicants for envelopes come in their names will be added to this list of honor. There is no nobler object to which we as a community and as men and women can contribute our mites. Every one of us should be glad of the chance to contribute his, or her, part to the support of the dear Chapel, which has and is doing so much for us, and especially for our children. It is the least we can do in return for what Christ has done for us, to support in decency the Church which he has founded with His precious Blood.

On Tuesday evening, March 3rd, a round table conference of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was held in the Parish House led by Mr. Charles E. Beury and Mr. Edmund B. McCarthy. It was most interesting and helpful. Such conferences do a world of good. The next conference will be held at the Chapel, E. Venango and Edgemont Streets, Thursday evening, April 30th, at 8 o'clock. All men are requested to attend it.

One of the most unique meetings held in the basement of the Parish House was that of the Girls' Friendly Society at which Dr. Ave addressed the girls on the subject of Good Government League. St. Nathaniel's, St. Paul's, Aramingo, St. Luke's Kensington Branches were represented. It was a splendid company of nearly 60 fine young ladies. The question of Women's suffrage was discussed in a manner which would do good the hearts of both suffragetts and antis alike.

Our Sunday School classes are strongly urged to organize themselves into class unions with Presidents, Secretaries, and if need be, Treasurers Each class should have its stated meetings guided by its teacher to plan for the growth and improvement of the class.

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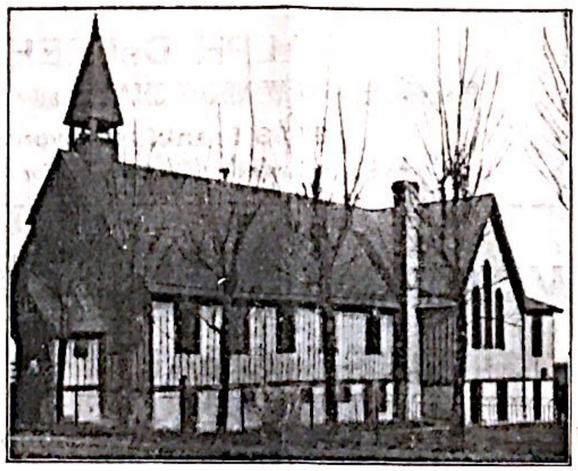
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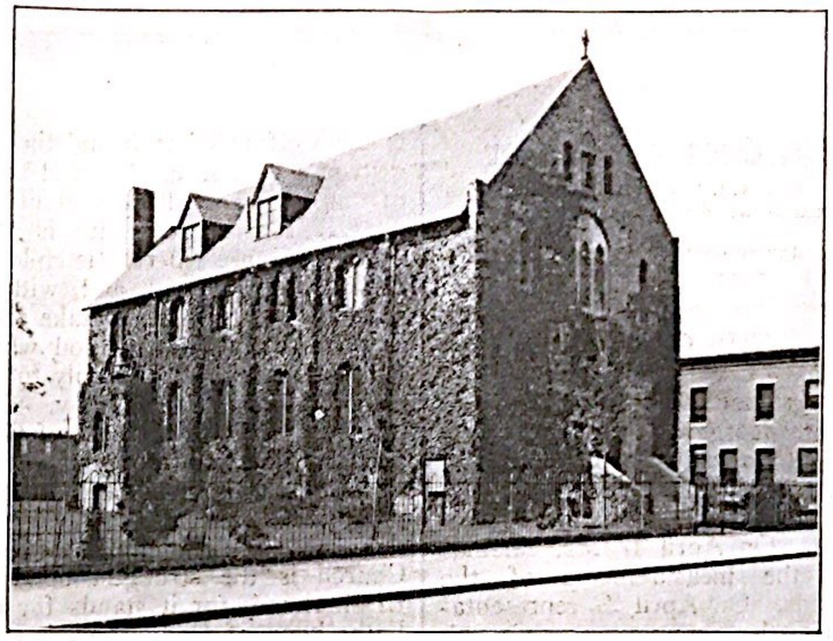
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9 a. m.

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3 p. m.

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Representing the Chapel: Chas. C. Barnes, Benjamin Pogson, George E. Sladen, Mrs. Gottlieb Seemueller, Mrs. Bernard Karcher and Miss Katherine Coulter. The Officers are as follows: Thomas McGarvey, Warden; Chas G. Barnes, Treasurer; Edgar Walter, Clerk; John Ralston, Secretary of the Council. The FINANCE COMMITTEE is composed of Messrs. McGarvey, Herbsleb, Kaufmann, Bingham, Walter and Mrs. White. The time of the monthly meeting of the Council was changed from the second Saturday to the first Monday of each month. The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Parish House Monday evening, May 4, at 8 o'clock.

The Choristers' Association will hold their picnic on Decoration Day at Clement, N. J. There is a great improvement in the number and make-up of the choir. The Easter music was splendid, and the choir promises to become a power of influence for good in the Church. Young people with good voices will find it very profitable to join the choir, both to themselves and to the Church.

Our Easter Day was quite a happy one. Those who came to Holy Communion, both at 8 o'clock and the later service, were more in number than ever before. The result of the self-denying work of our noble women who volunteered to collect for the Communion vessels and alms basons, and the hearty response of our people, have been so promising as to warrant us to get the new vessels and basons for Easter before the full amount was actually collected. Indeed, so hearty was the general response of our people that we were led to restore to the Chapel not only the Communion vessels and alms basons, but also the cross and the brass desk, so that the gift of our people to this Church has been greatly increased, and stands as follows: Two chalices and patens, most beautiful in simplicity of design, $72. One flagon of similar design, $63. Two alms basons, $24. Brass desk for Altar Service, $16. Brass Cross, $45. Total, $220. To this is to be added a special gift from Mrs. Kaufmann and family of a new Altar Service, beautifully bound. All these things have come to us, a free will offering, as an expression of the love and loyalty which the people in this neighborhood cherish deep in their hearts for St. George's Church, and as an earnest of their willingness and readiness for the coming of the Church building.

By the end of April, which is just closing, judging from previous returns, we expect to have the full cost of these beautiful gifts. They are the more precious, because they are the people's gifts; and we trust their hearts will be where their treasure is.

Another addition to our improvements is the most beautiful and substantial carpet in the room of our Primary Department of the Sunday School. The money for

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THE CHURCH.

The rumor of a Church building for St. George's, Richmond, is being materialized into pleasant fact. On April 16 an architect in the person of Mr. Walter Thomas was selected. On April 17 Mr. Thomas took the measurements of the grounds. On April 29 representatives of the Commission on Church Building visited our Mission to look over the grounds and consider the architect's plans. From a conversation with the architect we learn that the building will be a model of beauty and dignity fitting in with our stately Parish House, leaving enough of green lawn for tennis and outdoor entertainments. We doubt not that this news must thrill the heart of every member and friend of St. George's. When our group of buildings is finished, surmounted by our sweet-toned bell, it will be the pride of the neighborhood.

But the group of buildings represents a more wonderful edifice of living stones knit together by a common faith in the Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Back of the building is the congregation of the faithful bearing the name Christian by Baptism. Back of the building are the men, women and children endeavoring to do the will of God as taught by the Lord Jesus. Back of the building is a Christian community in which the interest of all is the welfare of each and the endeavor of each is the well-being of all. We call the building CHURCH, because it is the Father's House where His children can meet on a level, and, without any special privilege, partake from the common table the food which goes to give health not only to the soul but also to the body. The Church is truly the House of God, and the people maintaining it are His Household. Happy is the community which strives to live up to this idea of the Church. The Church is the strongest bond of Brotherhood, for it stands for the Fatherhood of God, which is eternal. If we practice our belief in the Fatherhood of God, we shall also realize our faith in the Brotherhood of men. The Psalmist was glad when they said unto him, "We will go into the house of the Lord." It was in the temple where our Lord Jesus was about the Father's business. And what is the Father's business, is it not the care of His children? Thus, dear reader, you see what a Church building, properly regarded, really means not only to you but also to your neighbor and to the whole community. God be praised for the privilege of a Church building. May we all strive to earn this privilege by a faith which is expressed in good works.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

On Easter Monday, April 13, in the evening the following officers and members of Council were chosen: Alfred Abrahamson, Harry Arnd, George Bauer, George Bingham, James S. Dames, Herbert

this is not all on hand yet, but we would not have a barren floor for the children on Easter Day, and we have an abiding faith in the goodness and common sense of our people. We would rejoice to have the parents of the children come and see how their little ones are instructed and cared for. We trust their sense of appreciation. They love their children, therefore, they will love the Church, when they see it as it is. Come, pay us a visit.

The vestibule of the Parish House was fitted up with a fine and substantial linoleum, due to the generous Easter offering of the people.

The following are the special Easter Offerings on Easter Day. The Women's Guild, $100; Drexel-Biddle Bible Class, $30; Girs' Friendly Society, $10; Senior Candidates of the G. F. S., $3.50; the Congregation, at this writing, $119.47. Total, $262.97. Those who have not been able to return their Easter Envelopes may do so at their convenience.

Th Sunday School contributed as follows: The Main Department, $36.27; the Primary Department, $38.66, in their Lenten boxes. By birthday offerings throughout the year the School gave $25.10. To wipe out a heathen idol, the little children gave $9.75. All these gifts are for Missions, a total of $109.78.

The idol was solemnly burned in the presence of the Primary Department children and Miss Olive Brown, the originator of this idea. Next!

We are indebted to the G. F. S. Branch of St. Paul's, Aramingo, for their most enjoyable entertainment given April 17 in the Parish House for the benefit of the Church under the guidance of their faithful leader, Mrs. Horsfield. Cleared $14.00. We hope to reciprocate this kindness.

The next G. F. S. dancing class will be held May 10. All the young people of the Church are invited. The charge for non-members is 10 cents.

A reception will be given by the G. F. S. to the young people of the Church and their friends Friday evening, May 22. Invitations will be sent out about May 7. This is to be made a memorable event in the life of our young people, both young men and ladies.

The G. F. S. Branch of St. George's, Richmond, cordially invites the G. F. S. Branch of the Chapel to the 8 o'clock corporate Communion the third Sunday, May 17. It is desired and hoped that all members be present, and that no one is missed.

The Senior Candidates of the G. F. S. will have a social meeting Wednesday, April 29. They have been cutting out paper dolls to send to a Mission School in Mexico, as their Lenten work for Missions. These will be presented at the annual Candidates' Meeting held May 9 at the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson streets. All our Candidates, both Junior and Senior, should attend this meeting.

The Junior Candidates are making some very pretty scrap books to be sent to the Children's Hospital.

All those who wish to secure a vacation this summer, please apply early to Miss Corson.

Several of our societies in the Church have undertaken to earn money for the Church by selling Chocolate Almond Bars; price, 5c. Lovers of chocolate candy should buy it from our societies. You get the best quality and help the Church at the same time.

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We should be looking towards our annual Block Party; decide upon a date, and then all join together to make it a glorious success. Keep talking about it in getting ready for it.

We are expecting a great treat from the young people of our Chapel. They are to give a most enjoyable farce in the Parish House for the benefit of the Church entitled, "The Depot Lunch Counter," on May 13 at 8 P. M. Admission, 10 cents. Come and enjoy a good laugh together.

After the time-honored custom, we print the names of those members of the Sunday School whose Lenten Offering was 40 cents and over. This is not an exact measure of one's self-denial. We know of many children who practiced heroic self-denial in presenting their offerings for missions, and whose efforts did not reach the 40 mark, as there are many children who by hard self-denial have managed to exceed this mark; but it is only to keep our promise once made that this roll of honor was to be published that we inscribe the names in order of their visible self-denial offering for Missions.

In case of an omission we should be glad to be corrected: Minnie Wood, Edna McDowell, Margaret Manerly, Florence Layer, Beatrice Kengott, Henry Herbsleb, Edna Hopkins, Gertrude Tustin. Under the second group: Ida Wilson, Pearl Weber, Chas. Gallagher, Edna Zigenfus, Raymond Fleckinger, Lidie Corriston, Emma Koeberle, Alfred Abrahamson, Raymond Millington, Arthur Millington, Elsie Stromberg, Mildred Dool. Under the third group: Irma Cloak, Elmer Kern, Mary Woodworth, Gertrude Spahr, Marian Moffatt, Wilbur MacDonald, Mary Bingham, Alice Busler, Elizabeth Corrigan. Vincent Frugoli, Carrie Busler, Harry Kaufmann, George Woodworth, John Ralston. Under fourth group: Thomas McGarvey, Elizabeth McGarvey, Anna Munkin, William Potter, Letitia Pilger, Thomas Honeyford, Marie White, Catherine Wambach, Ralph Coulter, John Sedergram, Sadie Bingham, Marie Bispels, Lester Savage, Francis Yeager, Emma Martin,

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
594, April 5, Elsie May Kunkel
595, " 5, Katherine Kunkel
596, " 5, John Henry Kunkel
597, " 12, Dorothy Ruth Saxton
598, " 12, John Ernest Ericsson
599, " 28, John Bruce Hill Konzelmann
600, " 28, Ruth Violet Sweitzer

MARRIAGES

No.
101, April 15, Frank M. Schwarz and Elizabeth R. Werner

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
252, April 6, Howard P. Furness
253, " 14, Elizabeth Klass
254, " 16, Henry Ormerod

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
13, April 12, Florence Clara Burns
14, " 12, Norman Harvey Mensing
15, " 12, Lois Lillian Mensing
16, " 12, Warren Kerr
17, " 12, Wm. Henry Laubengeyer
18, " 12, Grace Moran
19, " 12, Martin Moran

Katherine McKinley, Richard Honeyford, Frances Wilson, Regina Kringe, Marie Muscheck, Ferdinand Muscheck, Charles Saybolt, Anna Kringe, Agnes Scott, Edward Edwards, Mercy Edwards, Mary Ella Dougherty, Edgar Walter, Harry Kroh, George Kroh, Julia Kringe, Helen Corriston, Myron Dougherty, Charles Tustin, Edward Steinmeyer, John Wambach, Anna McCoach, Edmund Tustin, Nellie May Busler. Those who have not yet turned in their boxes may do so. Their Easter eggs are waiting for them.

The birthday envelopes received at the Sunday School enable us to have the pleasure in mentioning the names of those who have celebrated their birthdays during the previous month, and to wish them the blessings of a joyous life. We are anxious to keep a correct record, and ask for the co-operation of all concerned. Offerings were received from the following: Ralph Young, Myron Dougherty, Earl Campbell, Frank Clay, George Woodworth, Ethel Foster, Henry Herbsleb, Edna May Jacobs, Lillian Bingham, Howard Davis, Ella Arndt, Chas. Martyn, Rebecca Kirchanmann, Sadie Bingham, Ruth Huttenloch. We wish them all long and happy lives.

We enclose on a separate sheet in this issue for the benefit of our members and friends the revised list of weekly contributors by the Duplex envelope. We have reached the 200 number; but there is no reason why we should not have 250. We appeal to the loyalty of our friends and members to show regard and love for the Church by their cheerful support. We shall keep revising and adding to the list of contributors. We trust that this

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roll of honor will grow to the full measure of the value of our Church in this neighborhood.

Most of the logic, if not all of it, for staying away from Church, and witholding support from it, reminds us of the story told us recently by one of our most faithful workers. It runs as follows:

The Teacher—"What is a microbe, Johnnie?"

Johnnie—"It is an animal what you cannot see."

Teacher—"What animal is it?"

Johnnie—"An elephant; I never saw one."

There are two wars; one with Mexico, and the other in Colorado. Mr. Wilson doubtless has good grounds for the war with Mexico; but Mr. Rockefeller has given his reasons why there is war in the mining camps in which women and children were slaughtered and burned alive. This is his reason: "We would rather that the unfortunate conditions should continue and that we should lose all the millions invested than that American workmen should be deprived of their right to work for whom they please. That is the great principle at stake. It is a national issue." What we should like to ask is: Which workmen? The strikers, or the strike-breakers? No matter how honest a man may be in his conviction, it makes a deal of difference in forming principles, whether the cow grazes on your side of the fence or mine. It is wicked and un-Christian to shed blood in a quarrel over property. This is not what God made the coal for. The only blood-shedding permitted by God is for the remission of sin, and the salvation of our souls and not of our pocket-books. There is always a way to arbitrate a disagreement on a question of wages. At least, it is better than the killing of men, women and children, even if it be according to the LAW. Some day we shall all agree that our laws have been unjust.

Close to 1000 men thronged the navy and army recruiting stations in this city in one day, but only twenty-six were accepted for enlistment. And this in time of war. The other 974 were rejected as unfit for service. "Booze marks bar scores," says the daily press. And many other things indirectly the result of drinking; and yet the law allows the traffic in drinking. The government shares the profit with the liquor men.

We have one of the best moving picture machines in the country, and the clearness of the pictures surpasses even those given in the so-called "movies." We show our pictures every Saturday afternoon at 3.30 at admission fee of 2 cents for children, and in the evening at 8 o'clock; ticket, 5 cents. Come and see them.

We are told the reason why the playground so needed in this neighborhood is so slow in coming is because our councilmen do not care to ask for it. Wherever the councilmen work for it they get it. When we cry for it, they tell us, "Your councilmen do not seem to think the children in Richmond need a playground." We should like to know what councilmen are

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CHAPEL NEWS.

Easter Day, April 12, was a great day in the life of the Chapel people. At the 7 A. M. Holy Communion 43 were present. The altar was furnished with the restored Communion vessels, alms basons, the Cross and the brass desk, all of which were returned by the congregation of St. George's, Richmond, to remain the property of the Chapel congregation.

The Sunday School Choral Service at 2.30 was well attended by the scholars, but only by a few of the parents. The singing, under the direction of Mrs. Sladen, was spirited, and the joy of each scholar was made full at the close of the service by the receipt of an Easter egg and souvenir cross. The most beautiful feature of the service was a pretty song by the Primary scholars, finely rendered, under the direction of Miss Coulter.

The Lenten Offering of the School amounts to $34.

The Easter Offering of the congregation is $44.20, as against $18.95 three years ago.

The evening service on Easter Day was a joyous occasion, with 59 present. The Lessons were read from the new Bible presented to the Chapel by the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class, and used for the first time. We desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hanson for the use of their family Bible for so long a time. Thus the Chapel is coming gradually to its own, with a grateful heart to others.

One adult and six children were baptized on Easter Day.

Two regular contributors were added. See list of subscribers.

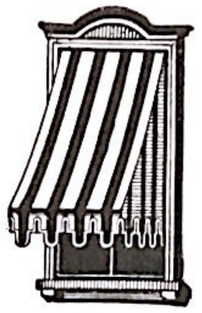
A lawn party is planned for June, the dates to be determined later. The Social Club will look after the amusements. It is to be hoped that the annual Block Party for the benefit of the Kindergarten will be kept in mind in the arrangement of dates.

The Social Club will repeat "The Depot Lunch Counter," in the Parish House of St. George's, Richmond, for the benefit of that Church, May 13.

The new feature in the Chapel, which will add to the missionary interest of the Chapel people, is the organization of the Junior Auxiliary by our good Miss Coulter, on Wednesday evening, April 22, with a membership of 8 girls. It is a good beginning, and will grow, as everything grows under the care of Miss Coulter. The officers chosen are as follows: President, May Hanson; Vice-President, Lillian Abrams; Secretary, Irene Carr; Treasurer, Emma Hinke.

The Social Club is wonderfully improving its opportunities. The members are now working towards making their Club the social center of the whole neighborhood. Friday evening, May 1st, will be "Visitors' Night," and many invitations will be sent out. A fine time is assured, with refreshments to close the evening.

On May 20, the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class expects to give a Kaffee Klatch for the benefit of the Chapel. It goes without saying, this will be an enjoyable event. Admission, 15 cents.



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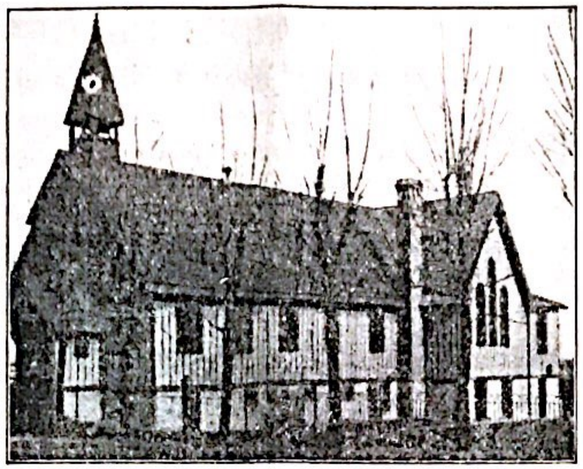
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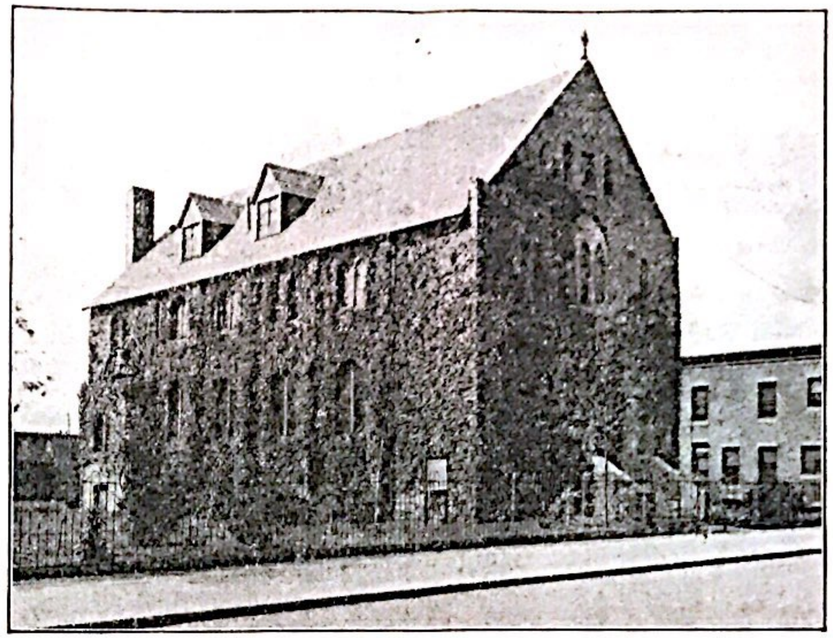
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LEST WE FORGET.

It is just about twelve years and six months since the present pastor began his service in St. George's; or more truly, his service in this neighborhood. Very few of us remember the beginning, because there were very few in St. George's then. The prospects were few, though the difficulties many. A poor, small building, a small membership, a small Sunday School, a small outlook, a small everything. We were the smallest in everything and everywhere.

To-day instead of one we have two St. George's. See their pictures on either side of this paper, and read their annual reports to the recent Diocesan Convention:

ST. GEORGE'S, VENANGO—19 baptisms, 88 members, 115 families, about 200 in the Sunday School, 57 in daily kindergarten, a fine choir, and a few lively working societies. Total receipts, $882.69.

ST. GEORGE'S, RICHMOND—65 baptisms, 269 members, 360 families, 525 in Sunday School, a long list of working societies, a splendid choir, a property worth $32,000. Total receipts, $5,434.82. The valuation of St. George's, Venango, has risen from $2,500 to $5,000, which should be added to that of St. George's, Richmond.

Thank God St. George's is no more insignificant, no more small, and has grown to be beautiful, and what is more, useful. St. George's record of service among the people stands foremost in the neighborhood. It has striven in many ways to serve the people in the spirit of Christ in whose name it lives. In spite of difficulties, it has, by the grace of God, succeeded in a large measure to be to the community what a Church should be. Thanks be to God.

Those who love the Church of God, love St. George's Mission, for in everything St. George's has been the servant of all the people, trying to follow the footsteps of Him in whose name it stands. It stands in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Those who have given their means and personal service to the upbuilding of St. George's have worked with God. This will continue to their everlasting glory. They will always find their deepest joy in their so doing. And when they meet their Master in the last day, they will be greeted with "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." This is surely the reward of all who contributed to and worked honestly for the upbuilding of St. George's, and who are doing so now. For every help and encouragement given to St. George's renders it more efficient in the service of the people; for it lives for the people. Shame and confusion to those, if there be any, who lay a straw in its way of progress either by word or deed; but everlasting satisfaction and glory is laid up for those who are loyally and constantly supporting the work done by St. George's.

WHITSUNDAY.

What is the meaning of Whitsunday? There are several theories as to how we came to this word; but the fact for which it stands is this: Fifty days after the Resurrection of our Lord, or Easter Day, the little band of the first Christians gathered together for worship on the Jewish feast day, Pentecost, which means fifty days after Passover, when the Holy Spirit, as Christ promised, descended upon this little congregation in a manner described in the Book, the Acts of the Apostles.

(Read the Second Chapter of this Book.) Thus was the first Christian Church organized and sanctified. We might say, consecrated. It was the mother Church of all Churches. It was in Jerusalem, not in Rome, as some people are led to think. The first Bishop of the Church was James and not Peter, according to the Scriptures, our only authority both in matters of fact and in matters of doctrine.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Men's Drexel-Biddle Bible Class is steadily growing and rising to the mark of 100. It has passed the figure of 90 and is still rising. This we report with a grateful heart to God. One of the members, a splendid fellow, was heard to say: "We men will start a crusade to raise the membership of the Church to 500." What a noble ambition! In what can a man busy himself more profitably? We like the word CRUSADE. It is manly, heroic and noble. "There is nothing in clubs," the same young man said, and he knows whereof he speaks. What if our Men's Bible Class carries out this vision of the young man! There will be nothing but glory for the men of our Bible Class, not only in this life, but in the life to come.

The Women's Bible Class has grown to 32 members. On May 27, 18 of the class enjoyed an afternoon party at the home of their excellent teacher, Mrs. Robert S. Bright, 7023 Germantown Avenue. Mrs. Moffat won the first prize in a game they played.

St. George's Guild celebrated the birthdays in honor of the following members: Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Updike and Mrs. Bloshfield. There is no better spirit of fellowship displayed anywhere by Christian women than the fellowship of the members of our Women's Guild. This Guild is open to all the women who wish to join in the noble work. New members are most welcome. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Our Girls' Friendly Society has made remarkable progress. We are proud of them. On May 26 our Branch paid a friendly visit to the G. F. S. Branch at the Free Church of St. John, our neighbor, and Marie Bispels, a member of our Branch carried away the first prize in a potato race. On June 9 they are to visit the Branch at St. Paul's, Aramingo. They are also planning a picnic in the near future. They have been fortunate in their leadership. We wish them Godspeed.

On Friday evening, May 22, our G. F. S. Branch gave a magnificent reception to their much beloved secretary, Miss Helen H. Corson. There were present about 80 young men and women. It was a splendid company of young people who entertained themselves most delightfully. Much credit is due to the head of the committee of arrangement, Miss Bryan, and to her assistants.

OUR BLOCK PARTY.

This is a call for helpers and workers to join together in a strenuous effort to make this Block Party greater than any that has gone before. It will take place Friday and Saturday, June 12-13. There is not much time to waste. Let us get at it together with enthusiasm.

OUR BOY SCOUTS.

Since Thursday, December 4, 1913, Troop No. 60 has been steadily growing in numbers and efficiency. It has twelve registered Scouts well drilled and well disciplined. The troop meets every Thursday at 7.45 P. M. By good work it has increased its treasury to about $8. They all expect to get their uniforms and then be received by Mr. Patton, Deputy Scout Commissioner of Philadelphia. By good work also they have acquired a tent, a bugle and summer equipment, and hope to make Troop 60 known to all Philadelphia Scouts next Field Day. Boys between the ages of 12 and 18 wishing to join the Troop will please consult the Rev. Mr. Arkin. Four members have passed examination for second-class rank. They are Masters Raymond King, Harold Pedersen, Robert Gordon and Harry Magson. There are several applicants preparing for full membership. The Scout movement is anything but military. It is a training school from which boys graduate Christian gentlemen. It is not the movement's fault if some boys fail. The true Scout is a Christian gentleman. Fathers can send their boys to no better movement.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will go this year to Burlington Island Park Thursday, July 30. Boats will leave Allegheny Avenue wharf at 8.15; 10.45 A. M., and 1.15 P. M. Returning will leave the Park at 6 P. M. for Allegheny Avenue wharf. This is to be the greatest picnic we have had.

We would remind our people and friends that we have the best moving-picture plant, and our pictures are of the best and most entertaining. Every Saturday we have a matinee at 3.30 for the convenience also of children at a reduced rate, and in the evening at 8 o'clock at popular price. If you come once you will want to come the Saturday following.

Is there any one who would give us a first class Victrola for the use in the Parish House? If we had this good machine we might borrow from our friends some fine records for the enjoyment of our people. We should love to have our people hear our greatest singers and musicians, and by means of a good Victrola they can have grand opera for 5 cents admission fee. It would help us wonderfully in our entertainments, and perhaps in something still better.

Our people are asked to think seriously of the coming Confirmation Day sometime next fall. We all should think of it prayerfully. It is one of the best ways by which we come into closer union with the spirit of the Church and Christ, its Founder.

The following children of our Sunday School have enabled us to record with a blessing and good wishes the celebration of their birthdays during the last month: Emma Stoldt, Olive Kirland, Samuel Woodworth, Anna Hague, Helen Corriston, Mary Martin, Joseph Neider, Arnetta Pleasure, William Martyn, Marie P. Dames, Edna Frueh, Della Pederson and Lena Wurst. Please correct us if anybody has been omitted. This is liable to happen.

The second Sunday this month, June 14, is called CHILDREN'S DAY. We appeal to the parents to co-operate with us in making this day memorable for our children. It will be quite proper to have a service on that day in which the children might figure prominently. Will you not help us to carry out this idea? The evening service might be devoted wholly to the children. On Children's Day the graduates from the Primary Department will be promoted to the Main Department. Please see that the children study their Catechism at home.

Lilya and Helen Silen are added to the roll of honor in their Lenten offerings for Missions.

We enclose with each Visitor for the benefit of our people a printed list of those who are regular subscribers by means of the Duplex envelope system. We should like to see this list grow. It is really a list of honor. It is an expression of loyalty to the Church. There may be some errors in names or the spelling of them; if so, please call our attention in order that we may make the proper corrections. At the same time we would urge you most earnestly to work with us in the effort to enlarge the list. Consider well also the Red Envelope.

Our people and friends in this neighborhood have fully justified our faith in their loyalty and love for St. George's by ordering not only the Communion vessels and alms basins, but also the brass cross and brass desk and altar service for Easter before all the contributions were received. These additions to the Church cost $220 Our good collectors brought in $236.82, thus leaving a surplus of $16.82 which we are to use toward the beautiful carpet for our Sunday School room where the little children are taught. This speaks for itself.

Swearing is about the most stupid and vulgar thing any man with any brains at all can do. The man who so takes the name of God in vain flies in the face of God; for it is

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
601, May 10, Mary Elizabeth Schwenderman
602, " 24, Naomi Reinhart Schaffer
603, " 31, Mary Elizabeth Hess

MARRIAGES

No.
102, June 3, Bernard J. Clemenson and Katherine Sweeney

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
254, May 10, Matilda Wilson
255, " 12, William H. Campbell
256, " 23, Katherine Crooks
257, " 23, Harry J. Raabe
258, " 25, Frank Nugent

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
20, May 10, Violet Gibbs

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absolutely forbidden in the Ten Commandments; and gets nothing for it. As a Methodist bishop once said, that man "bites the devil by the horn, and goes to hell like a fool." And yet, only lately, we heard three big men, wearing the uniform of police officers, "swearing" in the vulgar fashion of street walkers, thrice in a sentence of no more than ten words, without the slightest provocation. It sounded as if it were the very air they breathed; part and parcel of their daily existence, so natural to them, yet so unnatural to the listener. Of course, they did not see the listener. It was a natural conversation among themselves. But it was so strange, so out of place, in men wearing the city uniform.

While the father was in the saloon drinking, one-year-old Rosie was burned to death on the bed set on fire by her little sister who nearly lost her life also. But, of course, "that might have happened if the father were in Church;" but he was not in Church. He was in the saloon, fully licensed by our Government.

Two men died after drinking bay rum in a barber shop, mistaking it for whisky. But, of course, "that might have happened if they drank too much water." But they did not. They were drunk. Half of this responsibility is on the liquor dealer, the other half is on those who grant the license. You cannot hold a drunken man responsible for drinking bay rum in his thirst for more whisky.

"Workmen frequenting drinking places . . . will be replaced by non-drinking men as rapidly as possible." This notice reduced 30 per cent. in accidents in the American Car and Foundry Company shops at Berwick, Pa.

Patrick, 25 years, in the absence of his wife, had a little party in his house. They drank, and Patrick with a cigarette in his mouth fell asleep. The house took fire, the men fled and Patrick was burned to death in the ruins. But then, "that might have happened if he ate mince pie." Do you believe it?

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Referring to the item above given about swearing, we quote the following: "Profanity never did any man the least good. No one is richer, happier or wiser for it. It recommends no one to society; it is disgusting to refined people, and abominable to the good."

"Sin has many tools, but a lie is a handle that fits them all."

"Good actions ennoble us, and we are sons of our own deeds."

"Pleasure comes through toil; when one gets to love his work, his life is a happy one."

Send us all the RUBBER GOODS you do not need. If you let us know, we will send for them.

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CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

Beginning with the first Sunday this month, and until the first Sunday in September, morning service will be held at 10.45 A. M. The Main Department of the Sunday School will hold its sessions at 9 A. M. through the coming three months.

A branch of the Junior Auxiliary was organized under the direction of Miss Coulter with a membership of 15. It is the finest addition to the Chapel work.

On May 13 the Chapel Social Club gave an entertainment at St. George's (Richmond) for the benefit of the Church. It was a great success; and showed the marked development in talent of the Chapel Social Club.

In return for this courtesy the Girls' Friendly Society of St. George's (Richmond) gave an entertainment at the Chapel May 18 for the benefit of the Chapel Kindergarten; and it was a great success.

The Lawn Party is to be given June 5 and 6.

Miss Ott, in charge of the Kindergarten, is making great preparations for the annual Block Party for the benefit of the Kindergarten, to take place Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20. This is the greatest event in Venango, since it is a general effort in behalf of the little children of the neighobrhood. It also gives the best entertainment to all the people in the neighborhood. It is the people's Block Party for the children.

The Kaffee Klatch given by the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class for the benefit of the Church was a decided triumph. The music band was certainly fine.

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The Sunday School and Bible Class continues to make progress. The Bible Class spent an enjoyable evening recently at the home of their teacher, Mr. Karcher. This is excellent; and it is a credit to the wisdom and whole-heartedness of the people of the Chapel that they are planning similar meetings in the future. It is truly Christian. These are Christian house parties.

Work on the new roof of the Chapel will begin immediately after the Lawn Party.

The Social Club is taking good care of the lawn. They are now arranging for lawn tennis and croquet games on Saturday afternoons during the summer. This also is Christian fellowship when done in a Christian spirit.

The Treasurer reminds us about the weekly envelopes for the use of those who are willing to contribute toward the support of the Chapel. The object of this reminder is to increase the list of our subscribers and to call attention to the red envelope as well as to the black.

TWO THINGS ARE NEEDED. One is a baptismal bowl for our baptismal font. The acquisition of our Communion vessel, alms basins, and altar cross has kindled the desire to complete the furnishings of the Lord's House. The second thing is a dozen large chairs for the Bible Class.

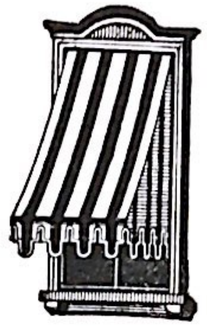
The newly organized Junior Auxiliary gave a little surprise party to Miss Coulter, their leader, on Tuesday evening, May 26, in the basement of the Chapel, and it was indeed a fine affair.

Right after the organization of the Junior Auxiliary comes the pleasant news that a Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Bible Class has been instituted with 17 members, and Mrs. Sladen their teacher. It is very significant that this class was formed on Whitsunday, the day on which the Holy Ghost descended upon the little band of Christians assembled in a humble room, and thus was the first Christian Church organized. The mother Church of all Christian Churches, we must remember, was organized and sanctified and authorized, not in Rome, as some think, but in Jerusalem, 50 days after Easter. It was on the day of the Jewish feast called Pentecost which was celebrated by the Jews 50 days after Passover. Anyway, our Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Bible Class was organized on this day. May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, be their guide.

It was on Whitsunday also that two group pictures were taken of our Sunday School; one of Primary Department and the other of the Main Department. Parents of the children in the picture can get a copy of it for 25 cents mounted. Apply to Mr. Barnes. This picture will treasure up for you the sweetest memories of your life.

The banner class in the Sunday School this month is No. 1, Mr. Benjamin Pogson, teacher.

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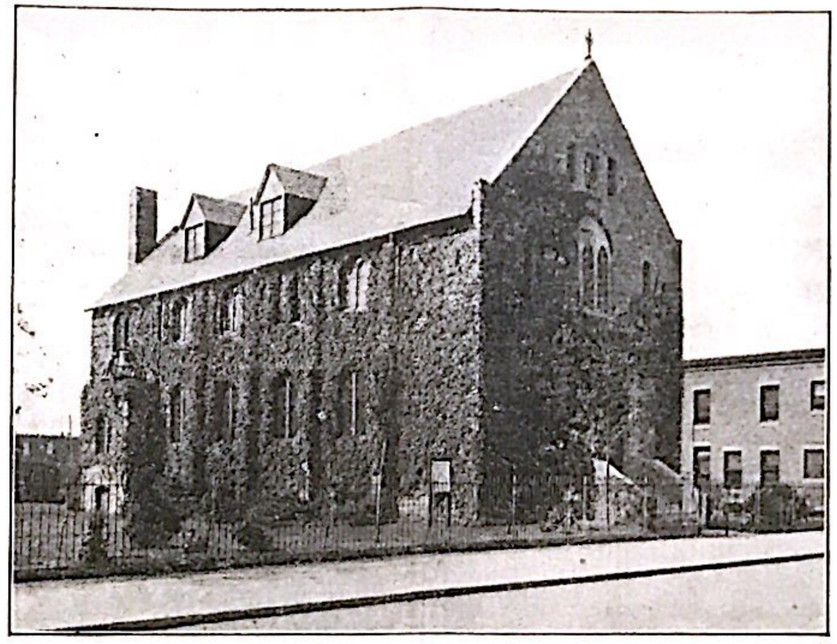
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YES, WHY?

An intelligent boy of fifteen was reading the New Testament one Sunday morning as his father was poring over the big Sunday newspaper, and as if he could not contain himself any longer cried out suddenly in earnest impatience: "Father, if Christ is right, why do people turn their back on Him? And if He is wrong, why do we keep this book in the house?" The man who was absorbed in the newspaper was startled. His hands holding the paper sank to his knees, and he looked up much amazed at the earnest face of his boy whose eyes pierced his soul. He never saw his boy look like this before. It was a child's face, bearing the features of his mother, but his look and tone was that of a suddenly awakened man. The father felt a secret pride in his heart, yet he was ill at ease. He could not collect himself to answer. What could he say? What could you, dear reader, say to the boy? What would you say to yourself? *"No man can serve two masters."* You might succeed in drowning the still small voice within you; you might escape the embarrassment which such a boy, just mentioned, might cause you, because your boy, perchance, follows your example without criticism and without questioning. But suppose your boy read the New Testament; and suppose he confronted you with such a question; what would you answer him? Or your daughter, what would you answer her? Or your own conscience, what would you say? Could you say that Christ was wrong? and therefore the world is right, and you are right because you are going with the world? Would your manhood permit you to hold that He who is called the Christ is wrong? that He who died because He loved so much was wrong? that th embodiment of love and goodness and purity and sympathy and helpfulness and righteousness is wrong? And if He is right, let me repeat the boy's question, why do people resist Him? There is only one answer to the question: *because of sin.* The sin of breaking God's Commandments, and the sin of not doing them is the same. Sin is sin. Indeed it is hard to tell which is the more destructive, the sin of *omission* or the sin of *commission.* What hope is there for self-righteousness? How can any one save himself? Woe to him who knows not his own weakness. How can he be made strong? Woe to him who knows not that he is wrong; how can he be made right? "Because thou sayest . . . I have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked . . . I counsel thee to buy of me white garments that thou mayest clothe thyself . . . and eye salve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

There are jails and penitentiaries for lawbreakers. There are churches for Christian people. The one is for those who break the law, the other is for those who do the law. There is no middle ground. A convict is not only he who is in jail; a convict is he also who ought to be there. We are under condemnation, are we not, when we do *not* God's Commandments, just as when we break them? Did not our Lord command us to be baptized? Did he not command us to observe faithfully the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion? Did He not tell us to pray? Did He not teach us the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love? Did He not teach us to be humble and kind? Did He not tell us to do positive things? Not only to keep out of jail, but to lead a Christian life, and go out in the highways and byways and persuade people to come into His house? Did He not teach us missionary work, which is doing *something,* and not doing *nothing?* Learn, O reader, your lesson from a child. When you catch a boy at mischief red-handed, and cry out, "What are you doing?" What is the answer? *"Nothing."* It is those who are doing *"nothing"* that are always doing something wrong. Is it not more manly, because it is more honest, to say: "Lord, forgive me a sinner!" Or as the other man in the New Testament said: "Lord, I believe, help thou my unbelief!"

PRAYER.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; mercifully accept our prayers: and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School opens Monday, July 6, at 9.30 A. M., in the basement of the Parish House, Indiana avenue and Livingston street. It will be open to the children of the neighborhood Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 A.M. The course of this vacation school consists of singing, calisthenics, hammock making, Bible stories, basketry, sewing and games. All girls and boys under 14 years of age are welcome. Come and see how you like it.

Our Lemon Hill picnic, free for all children in the neighborhood, will take place Saturday, July 18. If it rain, the picnic will be postponed till the following Saturday. This picnic is only for boys and girls under 14 years of age. The children will meet at McClellan's School yard at 12 noon sharp, from which point they will take the cars. We have room only for seven hundred children this year.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION.

Our Sunday School excursion will go this year to Burlington Island Park Thursday, July 30. We have been promised, by contract, excellent accommodations. Three boats will stop at Allegheny Avenue Wharf. One will leave at 8.15 A. M.; another at 10.45 A. M., and still another at 1.15 P. M. Re-

turning, will leave Burlington Island for Allegheny Avenue Wharf at 6 P. M. Our people are urged to secure their tickets early. No one will be permitted to board the boat without our ticket in hand. Tickets can be secured now at this office.

This excursion promises to be the best and most joyful day's outing for the people of Richmond and Venango. Get your friends and families together for a day's real enjoyment. A special treat for the children also has been arranged for. Remember—July 30.

Boys and girls who are looking for a week's vacation will please apply either at this office or to Miss Coulter. The sooner the better. We shall be glad to help any of our people to a place of rest and recuperation in the hot summer days, if possible, on application.

We regret very much to record that Miss Helen H. Corson finds it impossible to continue her work here as Parish helper. Her work here has been most satisfactory; and she leaves behind her hosts of friends. But for the demands made on her presence at her own home we might have enjoyed her valuable service indefinitely.

Her place is temporarily filled by our most esteemed Miss Coulter, who is always ready to help, and whose help is most efficient. She is a Christian woman and an excellent worker in the Church.

Beginning with August 1 we expect Miss Zulma Bispham to take up work permanently in our midst.

It is extremely gratifying to learn that Miss Fanny Laney, a member of our Sunday School, has carried off the prize offered to James Martin public school for the best short story. Her composition is published in the monthly magazine of the public school.

Our block party, given for the benefit of the Church June 12 and 13, when all the tickets are settled for, will bring a net income of about $160. This is extremely gratifying in view of the fact that it was gotten up hastily, and with little preparation; but it also shows what kind of workers we have. The boys and girls certainly distinguished themselves in diligence and alertness; and our eyes have seen the wisdom of the Scout movement.

Our Scout Troop, No. 60, is continuing to distinguish itself, and is rapidly advancing to the foremost ranks. It has now twelve members, with two novices or candidates. It has in its treasury $7.60 and an equipment amounting to $20, including a fine tent. It expects to go in camp for a week on Treasure's Island the first or second week in August. It will be a real up-to-date camp, with all the pleasure and health which goes with it.

We have had recently group pictures taken of our Sunday School, and the photographic work is excellent. It is hard to tell which of the groups is most attractive. Naturally the little children take our heart, though we look at the Bible Classes with admiration. If there is anything sweet in life that is lasting, it is a sweet memory; and this is what these pictures afford. We would advise all our people to get a copy, or more, of these pictures for their parlors or some other room in the house, especially those pictures which contain some dear face of a boy, or a girl, a mother, or father, or a sweetheart gazing at you from the group of friends. The photographs can be gotten at this office at the very low rate of 25 cents a copy for the children's pictures and 35 cents for the Bible Class pictures. It will give you a thousand dollars' worth of pleasure daily.

On Monday, July 13, the Girls' Friendly Society will meet to arrange for their annual picnic, to take place the following Saturday, July 18. All the members are invited to be present to make the proper arrangements.

The G. F. S. have been especially prosperous this year, and rich in good works. They have presented the Church with a donation of $15 and have left a goodly sum in their treasury for future work. The G. F. S. is a noble girls' company, in which every parent might well wish their daughters take active part.

The Men's Club is arranging for a pool tournament which promises much interest. The club is growing and filling its place in the social life of St. George's quite creditably.

In the Carpet Fund, previously reported, $39. Received by 5-cent collections, over and above the sum required for the Communion vessels, etc., $16.82. Through the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Farley, $16.88. The G. F. S, $15. Through the efforts of Mrs John Powell, $6. The little children of the Sunday School, $1.33. Total, $95.03. The carpet costs $91.50. The surplus of $3.53 was applied towards the linoleum in the vestibule.

In Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farley St. George's has a most faithful sexton and housekeeper, and we all appreciate their services. Our property is faithfully cared for under their honest and efficient service, and we cheerfully commend them to the appreciation of our people.

Our Council meets the first Monday in the month at 8 P. M. sharp. The members of the Council are urged to be present at the next meeting, July 6. Please keep this date reserved for the Council.

We earnestly appeal to our people to co-operate with us in making our Sunday School work more efficient by building up our Teachers' Institute. We need more men and women teachers, and the superintendent will appreciate the application of volunteers to this service of God.

The Women's Guild had their annual picnic in Hunting Park Thursday, June 25, celebrating at the same time the birthday of Mrs. James Dames. It was certainly an enjoyable day for the Guild.

We thank the following for enabling us to congratulate them upon their birthdays and join our read-

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
604, June 18, May Kirschenmann
605, " 28, John Wesley Keebler

MARRIAGES

No.
103, June 10, { Chester Arthur Russell & Bertha Covert Mull
104, June 24, { Alfred Patrick Cooper & Rose Wapniarek

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
259, June 9, Elizabeth Jane Baesler
250, " 24, Mary J. Walker

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
21, June 14, James Robert Youngken

ers in their well wishes: Charles Reichner, Joseph Foster, Margarette Ritterson, Herman Luthe, George Raabe, Robert Huttenloch, Mary Alexander, William Potter, Florence Oehlenhauser, Lydia Madden, Margaret Koehler, Margaret Kirland, Thomas McGarvey, Florence Irons, and William Schada.

We enclose again in this issue the list of contributors by weekly envelopes. There are many ways whereby people can, if they wish, contribute towards the support of the Church. They can take their choice. But the duplex envelope system has been found the most convenient way both for the contributors and the Church treasurer. We would therefore commend this system to all those who wish to help our Church. The enclosed list is merely to have it right. In case of an error or omission we shall be thankful for the correction.

Here is the statement of Judge Lewis L. Fawcett: "Approximately 2,700 cases have been brought before me in my five and half years of service on the bench. During all this time I have never had to try a man who was at the time of the alleged offense, or ever had been, an active member of the Church. I have asked eacl. young defendant if he was a member of or an attendant at a Sunday School, and I have never been answered 'Yes.'"

Dr. Klopp says that alcoholism is the cause of 20 to 30 per cent. of insanity among males. "Alcoholism should be regarded as a disease-producing vice and a vice-producing disease." But, of course, the saloonkeepers and their patrons know better.

Dr. W. A. Pierson demonstrates before an audience that alcohol does not deserve to be classed as food; but the saloonkeepers and the lovers of alcohol do not agree with him, therefore drunkenness must continue.

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Is not this a strange way of showing our patriotism? It is almost as strange as to permit thousands to go to perdition, and help them along to destruction, by licensing saloons, and permitting the use of drinks in clubs on Sundays.

The great Baltimore physician, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, said in a recent address at the Y. M. C. A. building: "Be meddlers. You have a right to meddle with other people's business, if that business is bad business. The world has no inspiration whatever, it is dull and drab, and the people of the churches must lift it up if it is to be lifted at all."

How different it is with us here. You cannot get any one to stop the rascal from destroying your flowers, break your fence, or windows, in daylight, or to tell who did it, for fear of being called a "squealer." All this is a matter of taste, after all.

The great German philosopher Lessing says: "It is not the truth that a man possesses, or believes he possesses, but the honest pains he has taken to get at truth, which makes a man's worth. For it is not by the possession of truth, but by the search after it, that his powers are extended, in which alone his ever-growing perfection consists."

The prophet Isaiah says: "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

President Wilson says: "No study is more important to the child than the study of the Bible and of the truths which it teaches, and there is no more effective agency for study than the Sunday School. . . . The Sunday School lesson of to-day is the code of morals of to-morrow. Too much attention cannot be paid the work which the Sunday School is doing." What then of the position of those who work in the Sunday School? Is there any higher office in the Church? Alas, we do not always appreciate our privileges and opportunities.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

This is not news, but for this reason it is the more interesting, namely, the splendid development of our Sunday School, especially in the Primary Department, under the care of Miss Coulter and her assistants. You, parents, will certainy be amply rewarded for the trouble it takes to visit the Sunday School and see how your children are taught and cared for. Do you appreciate the value of it? You are cordially invited, and we assure you of a warm welcome.

Children's Day on June 14 was duly observed by the Sunday School, and in the Primary Department with special recitations and songs. The little folks did themselves great credit, and they greatly pleased the visitors who were present.

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The Drexel-Biddle Bible Class has made a special offering of $10 toward the repairs of the Chapel. This organization is certainly a source of strength in the work of the Chapel.

The Social Club have enjoyable meetings on Saturday afternoons, and the young men are taking excellent care of the lawn. This week they are going to give special attention to the trees against the attack of the caterpillars.

The Junior Auxiliary has closed its sessions for the summer with a splendid reception and refreshments, and are looking forward with much expectation to resume the work early in September.

There is much rejoicing over the success of the lawn party given June 5 and 6, which brought a sum of $75 into the treasury of the Chapel. There is no Church which surpasses our Chapel people in personal work and loyalty, and therein is success.

This is equally true of the women in Venango and their families in their relation to our famous Chapel Daily Kindergarten. In spite of the stormy weather, and the U. G. I. dance at the Lithuanian Hall, the annual block party given for the benefit of the kindergarten on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, turned out a great success. The net proceeds are in the neighborhood of $100. Instinctively our people feel that the children are the nation's best asset; and that we can not do too much for them in the way of proper education and guidance.

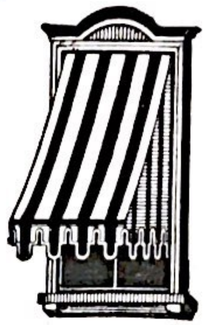
The group pictures of our Sunday School are most beautiful. The photographic work is excellent. It will always be a sweet remembrance and an ornament to any home, especially to those homes which have a member of the family in the group. The price of the picture is 25 cents, which is very reasonable. Apply to Mr. Barnes for a copy.

On Monday, June 30, the Social Club held an election of officers, and the following were elected: Mr. Morris Bieber, President; Miss Claire Augustine, Vice-President; Albert Volz, Secretary; Miss Helen Hewitt, Treasurer.

The Council meets every first Monday in the month at the Parish House, Indiana avenue and Livingston street. Members of the Council representing the Chapel will please attend the next meeting, July 6, at 8 P. M.

The work on the roof has begun under the immediate supervision of Mr. Sladen, and promises to be a first-class job both in appearance and efficiency.

The Treasurer will gladly receive applicants for weekly envelopes as a means of voluntary contribution towards the Chapel. The list of contributors enclosed in this issue should grow. There are two things which make a Church grow: Prayer and missionary work. As these two grow in power the congregation grows in numbers.



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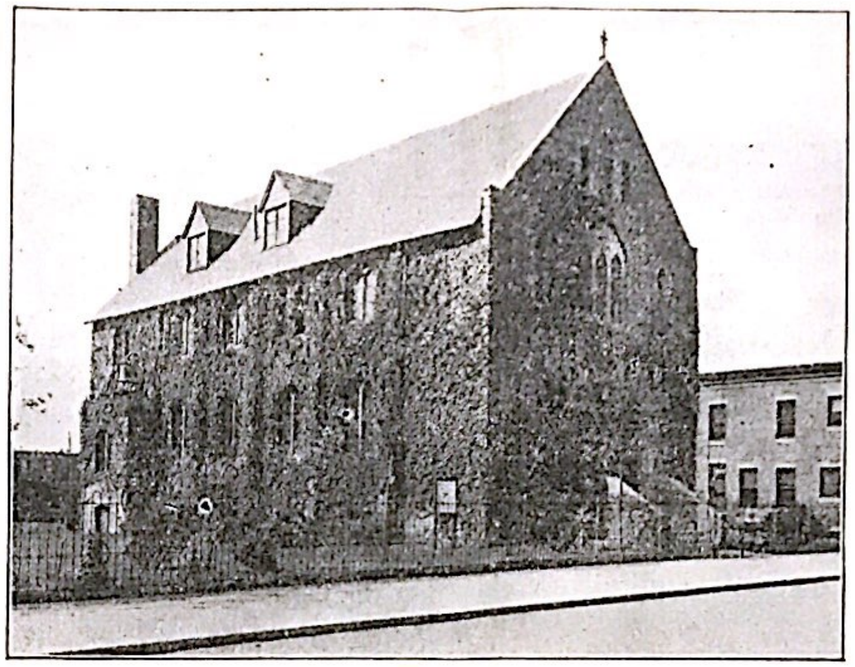
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THE ARMY WORM.

Viola's farther was a great lover of flowers and green lawn. No matter how hard the day's work was in the shop, he could be seen after supper weeding or watering his lawn. It was not large, but it was green and beautiful. Viola, watching her father's interest in the lawn, herself came to love it. Her eyes seemed never to tire gazing at the velvety green; and she wondered how grass could be so charming to the eye. Then she remembered the Sunday School lesson from the Book Genesis: "And God said, Let the earth put forth grass." And she understood why it was so mysteriously beautiful. Moreover, the Bible says, "God saw that it was good."

One morning, just before breakfast, as her habit was, Viola came to the window to look at the lawn, when she suddenly turned pale, her face was stricken with horror, and she cried out: "Oh, papa, look at the lawn; all the grass is gone, and it looks so horrid!" The father came quickly, and was shocked at the sight. All his labor and care vanished in a night. A dull pain shot through his heart, and he stood for some time sadly gazing at the ruined lawn. Then turning to Viola, who was weeping, he tenderly placed his hand on her head, and, with all the self-control he could summon, said: "It is too bad, my child; the army worm destroyed in one night that for which I labored hard many days. But perhaps it is a lesson for you and me. Do you remember me reading to you from the Bible the other day: 'In the morning it is green and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered. For we consume away in thy displeasure.' This is a sad sight, Viola. It calls up in my mind many boys and girls who are so promising and beautiful to look at, and whose parents spare nothing in caring for their welfare, who yet are in constant danger of being ruined through a single misstep, through sin which is liable to creep into their souls as the army worm crept into our beautiful lawn, and in one night utterly ruined it." He kissed Viola as he left the house to go to work, and said: "My child, may God protect you against the army worm which, in the Bible, is called SIN."

Viola spent most of the day looking in sadness at the ruined lawn with a firm determination and fervent prayer that her father may never look at her with the feeling with which she was looking at the lawn.

THE SIN OF IGNORANCE.

Some one, doubtless in bitter irony, once said: "Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise." It is too bad that many people take this saying seriously. The truth is, ignorance, as such, is anything but bliss. It offers nothing. Like darkness it has no color. Ignorance stands out in contrast to knowledge as a cemetery beside a living city.

As darkness is opposed to light, so ignorance is opposed to knowledge. It is this struggle between the two for the mastery of the world that makes knowledge often uncomfortable; but the real source of unhappiness is not knowledge, but its antagonist, ignorance. "Let there be light," was God's first utterance in Creation. And light and knowledge have ever since been synonymous.

The hunger for knowledge is a gift from God. It is also an evidence of life. It is blasphemy to say that God does not wish us to *know*. What God hates, according to the Bible, is not knowledge, but sin. We are punished not for eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge, but for disobeying God. That is all that the story of the Garden of Eden teaches. "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." These are the words and teachings of our Lord. Asking, seeking, knocking, honestly, without fear and with proper motive is our part in this world. Most of our misfortunes, divisions, unhappiness and other evils come from ignorance. It is never a bliss, but a curse, as sin is a curse. It is bad enough to be ignorant; it is infinitely worse to keep others in ignorance.

By way of illustration: Howsoever others may be ignorant of it, you, dear reader, should know the difference between the terms "Catholic" and "Roman Catholic." These two terms are almost opposed to each other. That so many people either ignorantly or purposely use them as if they were one and the same thing does not change the fact that they are opposed to each other. By adding something else to a thing you may change its character completely, so that the place whence it originally comes may not know it. When you add "Roman" to "Catholic" it becomes altogether a different thing. The real meaning of "Catholic" is "universal; embracing all; wide-extending. Not narrow-minded, partial, or bigoted; free from prejudice; possessing a mind that appreciated all truth" In Church matters it is truly applied to all Christians holding to the faith of the Gospels, or as it is briefly stated in the Apostles' Creed. In this sense all Christians are Catholics. It is in this sense we use the word "Catholic" in the Creed: "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." But it becomes altogether something else when you add the word "Roman." It was due to Roman innovations that many good Catholics objected and were called, for convenience, "Protestants," because they protested against adding to the Catholic Church things which changed its original character. The Roman Catholic Church is, in this sense, no less a sect than the Greek Catholic Church, or the Baptist Church and other Churches, while in another sense they are all Catholic. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). This is a Catholic doctrine. But compulsory confession, and the doctrine of the Mass, is sectarian. Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation are Catholic; but modern Papacy, Close Communion, or Close Baptism,

Predestination, etc., are sectarian. Thus all Churches are in one sense Catholic; in another sense, sectarian.

"Say, Sigismund, you told me that when one is baptized a Catholic, he is always a Catholic (meaning Roman Catholic); you said: 'Once a Catholic, always a Catholic!'"

"Yes, that is true, Hans."

"Then, why do you call Martin Luther a devil?"

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Our people will be glad to know that our apportionment for Missions for St. George's (Richmond) of $125.43 has been met with a remittance of $135.38; besides, our Women's Auxiliary sent $10 and the Babies' Branch $10. It is Christian to give a little more than asked for.

Christian life should start with infancy. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not," says our Lord. They should be baptized, thus making them members of the Church. Their names should be enrolled on the Babies' Branch, thus beginning in infancy also to practice their religion. You cannot begin living as a Christian too early. Let the children see that *you* mean it.

On Saturday, July 18, thanks to the Lemon Hill Association, we managed a free excursion for about 700 children of the neighborhood. It was a real cosmopolitan, or Catholic, gathering. They were all one band of Christian children, rode on the same cars, frolicked on the same merry-go-round, vied in the same games, ate the same ice cream with the same relish; sang in the pavilion the same patriotic song, and carried away the one old and Catholic (universal) doctrine: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself." And nobody was the worse for it.

On Thursday, July 16, thanks to the Country Week Association, we sent into the country for a week's vacation 40 boys and 60 girls; a jolly lot indeed. Also 12 girls for two weeks to Clovernook. All of them have enjoyed themselves immensely. If there is anybody in Richmond who has reached middle age, and does not yet know what "a social center" is, tell him that this sort of work and other things of this kind is the work of a social center. Perhaps he will soften up and send us a contribution for the furtherance of this kind of work. Or, perhaps he will help us to get the much-needed playground for the children of the neighborhood in which he makes his living.

CONFIRMATION.

Our beloved Bishop Rhinelander has informed us that he will come for Confirmation Sunday evening, November 8. From year to year we have been looking prayerfully to Confirmation Day; beseeching God that He may bless our efforts, and add to our congregation more and more. We have only one object, and this is deep-seated in the heart, namely, the welfare of men, women and children. And as this is not an easy task, we turn to God

for help, and to the people for co-operation. Remember that the larger St. George's is the more good for our community. By giving us your co-operation you will have performed in a large measure your two-fold duty to God and to your neighbor.

In view of the coming of our new Church we are all naturally anxious to have a large and substantial Confirmation Class.

Those who have not yet been confirmed should consider that this appeal is not asking them to give up anything of the faith they already have, but rather fill up that which is lacking. And we do this on purely Scriptural ground.

In considering all your needs do not leave out the need of the Church. You need the help and consolation of the Church as much as the Church needs your co-operation. Do not make the mistake of underestimating its value because it is so easy of access. Rather should you appreciate it because of this freedom. This is sweet reasonableness.

We should be glad to receive boxes of clothing, etc., for our rummage sales on the first Wednesday in each month. We also should be glad that those in charge of the rummage sales do their best to utilize this opportunity reasonably both for the Church as for the buyers.

Our Guild is still open to receive all the old rubber goods you can spare. Send them to the Parish House.

Every Guild and Society should at once begin to plan for our coming Block Party, early in September. Our reputation for successful parties must be maintained. This can easily be done if every band of workers vies with the others in enthusiasm and loyalty to the Church. Let each Society do the things it can do best, and fit in harmoniously with the others. This is the secret of success.

Please observe business methods in settling for tickets. We cannot report accurate results of the different things we have unless accounts are settled. Our Finance Committee is charged with the burden of following up outstanding accounts, and every one should cooperate with the Finance Committee.

Following the advice of the Finance Committee, we have increased the order for Weekly Duplex envelopes from 200 to 300. This is due to the increasing demand for weekly envelopes.

In spite of all precautions errors creep into the printed list of regular contributors which we are glad to correct as fast as we find them.

Please do not wait to be asked; but if you think that this Church is worthy of your support apply for a set of envelopes. It is the best way of giving your support to the Church.

The minister is going away August 17, and will return for the third Sunday in September. In his absence the Rev. George G. Miller

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
606, July 6, Clara Irene Kober
607, " 6, Katherine Irene Kober
608, " 6, Clara May Hall
609, " 6, Katherine Irene Hall
610, " 6, Mary Emma Hall
611, " 12, Arnetta Pleasure
612, " 12, Albert Thomas Pleasure
613, " 12, Thomas Monroe Pleasure
614, " 12, Viola Christina Pleasure
615, " 12, Thirza Elizabeth Potter
616, " 19, Pauline Worst
617, " 26, Mary Elizabeth Woodworth
618, " 27, Margaret Frances Crupp

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
261, July 11, Elizabeth White
262, " 15, Mary Duerr

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
22. July 12, Edna Mary Long
23. " 26, Samuel Schoell
24, " 26, Agnes Mary Tustin
25, " 26, George Warren Tustin
26, " 29, Joseph Frank Tustin

Burials

No.
1, July 21, Warren Kerr

will officiate at the Church services. He hopes, on his return, God willing, that all the congregation might join with him in Holy Communion September 20, at 10.30.

The following are the qualities of a good Boy Scout: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent. These speak volumes for the Boys Scout movement. Our Troop, No. 60, is forging its way to the front.

We are considering the organization of a junior troop of Scouts of boys under 12 years of age. It will act as a training school for the senior Troop. All boys under 12 years may apply for admission. Mr. Turnbull will act as Scoutmaster of the Juniors. Boys, here is your chance.

Is there somebody anywhere who, coming across this appeal, would volunteer as guardian for a group of Camp Fire Girls at St. George's? And, if the reader is not disposed to undertake the task herself, would she recommend us to those who are free to give their services for the good of girls. The Camp Fire Girls is a movement corresponding to that of the Boy Scouts.

Oh, if we only had a first-class Victrola! We put this appeal in, hoping that some good friend, who is able as well as willing, might make us a present of one. No one can use it to better advantage than St. George's Mission.

To be able to judge rightly another, you must be in his position. If you are above him, or below him, your vision will be distorted. You must be with him on a level. A clergyman expressed decided

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opinions about the miners in their recent trouble in Colorado. He was asked if he ever worked in the mine. His answer was that he worked *among* them. "But did you work with pick and shovel with the miners? Were you ever a miner?" There is a big difference between working *among* and working *with* or in place of somebody. Christ's coming to earth and taking upon Him our nature is convincing that to understand and feel like the other man it is necessary that we take his place, or, in common language, "be in his boots." Herein is the wisdom of charity which our Christian religion insists upon. Charity will help us to a correct judgment, covering a multitude of flaws which spring from our unfitness to judge.

We have a few men in our congregation who are the precious possession of any Church. They give their personal service to the Church, and we all are profited by their work. Mr. Charles Mackay, beside painting our signs for different occasions, has most beautifully refinished the front doors of the parish house, so that they look as new. Our standby, Mr. Edgar Walter, whose every inch is faithfulness, has, with Mr. Sloan Woolsey, who suggested it, cleaned and gilded the cross on the roof, giving a new luster to the building. We have a few more such men who go about doing odd jobs and keeping the building in splendid repair. They are men of action. The Church prospers on men of their type. While they lose nothing themselves, they get the blessings of God and men.

There are some copies of group pictures of the Sunday School left, which, if parents saw them, they would be glad to have them in their homes. They can be had at the office at 25 cents each. They are 8 by 10 inches in size, and the children show up beautifully. Do not fail to secure a copy.

We are grateful to the following who enable us to join with them in the gladness of their birthday: Isabella Kirland, Harry Raabe, Martha Irons, Lilia Selma Silen, Helen Silen, Mildred Dool, Emma Corson, Margaret Clemens, Henrietta Wilson, and Charles Smith.

The most beautiful and glorious sight is a mother or father bringing a child to the Church on Sunday afternoon in order to enroll it for instruction in God's Word in the Sunday School. The Superintendent of St. George's Sunday School is glad to say that he has experienced this delight many times; and his heart swelled with affection and admiration for the parents. It is the best evidence of real parental love for children. There is another sight, so terribly painted and condemned by the prophets of old: the sight of parents stupidly leading their children as the misled Jews of old led their sons and daughters to Moloch. Will parents ever learn the full significance of our Lord's words: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

The safest test of right and wrong in our daily life is the question: "Is it Christian?" It is the touchstone for truth or falsehood.

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CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

The Treasurer remitted to the Board of Missions the amount of $34, which is a little more than four-fold of the apportionment. St. George's has never given less, but always more. This is recorded for the encouragement of our people.

Work on the new roof was completed July 10, and it is most satisfactory in every way. We record this with a grateful heart to those who made this improvement possible.

The members of the Social Club and their friends are enjoying every Saturday the pleasures of recreation on the fine lawn. The members and officers of the Club wish to convey to the Rev. Mr. Arkin their hearty thanks for the gift of a fine croquet set, which is well used.

The Lemon Hill picnic was much enjoyed by the Venango children. It is very gratifying to hear the compliments paid to our children by the officers of the outing for their appearance and behavior, and their hearty responses at the pavilion service.

A gift of $5 has been received through Mrs. Sladen from a lady whose name is withheld, to be used in the purchase of a suitable bowl for the baptismal font. The Chapel people kindly thank the unknown friend for her kind interest in the work of the Chapel.

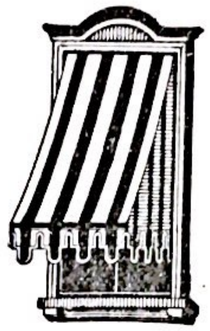
We look with pleasure and much expectation at the Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Bible Class, organized recently and taught by Mrs. Sladen. All young ladies wishing to join this great movement are cordially invited. The Class meets during August, Sunday, 9.15 A. M. Beginning with September it will meet at 2.30 P. M.

The most pleasant feature in July was the social given by Mr. and Mrs. Sladen to the choir, July 1. The evening was full of interest, and the refreshments were delicious. The Committee on Arrangements, consisting of Messrs. Joseph Oechsle, Walter Schoell and Albert Volz, did their work exceedingly well. The event closed with three rousing cheers for each, Mr. and Mrs. Sladen and Mr. Charles G. Barnes, choirmaster.

There are still a few more group pictures of the Sunday School left, which may be secured by parents at 25 cents each from Mr. Barnes.

In spite of the hot weather the Primary Department of the Sunday School, under Miss Coulter and her faithful assistants, is keeping up a good record of attendance and interest.

We are glad to chronicle the beautiful act of the Main Department of the Sunday School in the presentation of a gold piece to Mr. Charles Seemueller as a birthday remembrance on reaching his majority. This was given him by the whole school in recognition of his faithful and efficient services for a number of years as secretary.



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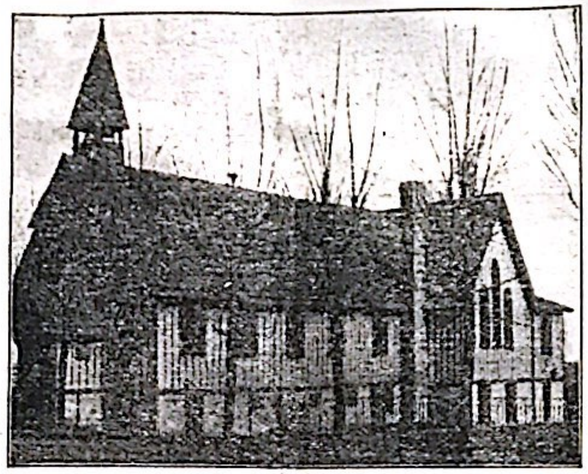
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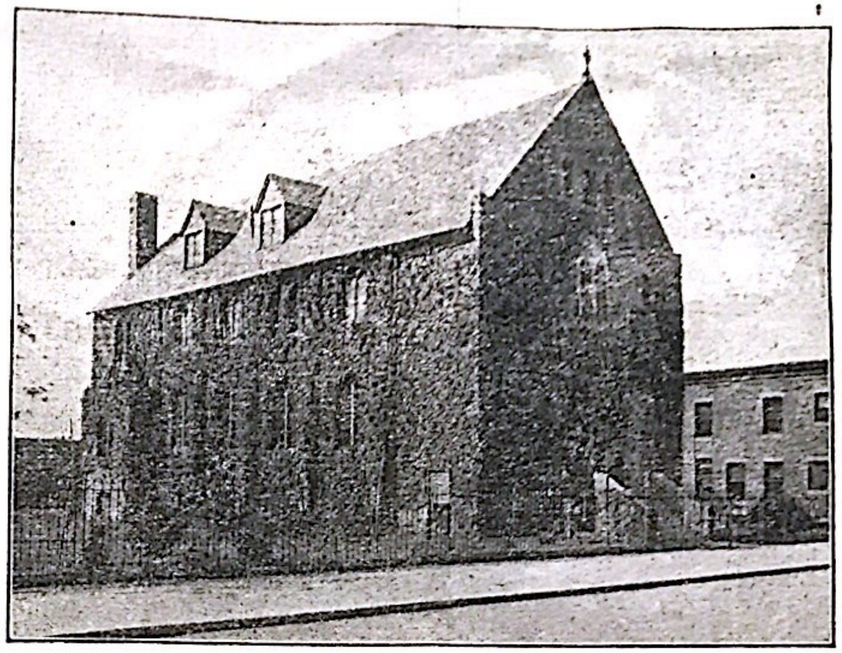
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"HERE AM I."

In the Bible this phrase is usually used in answer to a call, especially when the call is of an important nature. It is usually a reply to a call to service or duty. It is wonderful how much meaning these Biblical phrases contain. They are simple, and quaint, and childlike to the careless reader of the Bible, but to the student, or the intelligent reader, and to him who reads the Book with reverence, as a book containing the Word of God and as a Book of Life, to such a reader these little quaint phrases sparkle with meaning and deep significance.

Did you ever say to yourself, "Here am I," and then think over what that meant to you? How much does it mean to you? The "I" is the most precious thing you possess. No matter what others think of you; or what value they may place upon you, your "I" to you certainly is the most precious possession, and under no circumstances would you be willing to trade your "I" for another's. You might be ready to exchange your conditions, such as home, education, clothes or money; but never your "I," because to you it is everything worth living for. When you give up your "I" you cease to exist.

What a flood of light bursts upon our imagination when we begin to consider what is most precious in us. God who knows us better than we ourselves is mercifully teaching the value of our own "I" to every one of us by the words: "So God loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." It is Christ who emphasizes the value of personality, and the humblest "I" is exceedingly precious in His sight.

If I am so precious, so precious that Christ should die for me in order that I might be saved, what shall I make of myself? Here am I. Shall I waste it in riotous living, or smother it with indifference? Shall I eat, and drink, and be merry and then die? Or shall I use all the gifts of God and find joy in good works, and live?

Seldom has there been given such an opportunity to people to use their "I" to the best advantage, as is given to the people of St. George's. There is hardly a man or woman in our neighborhood who has not the chance to render personal help to a work most pleasing to God and men. Say to yourself, "Here am I," and ask yourself, "And what am I here for"?. You are in this world, dear friend, to justify the wisdom of God in giving you life, in giving you the "I" to care for, that it may grow and live eternally. Use it, and use it to good advantage; and if you need help to do so, join earnestly the band of St. George's workers. You will have work to satisfy your soul. It will be food to your "I." Your question, "What you are here for," will find a satisfactory answer in your helping to build up a congregation which is of service both to God and men.

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2. You can recommend our Church to your neighbors and show them the way.

3. You can, by word or deed, encourage the observance of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion.

4. You can join a guild, a Bible class, or any other society or club to suit your taste and talents.

5. You can teach in the Sunday School; it is the noblest Church work for any man or woman.

6. You can sing in the choir, and help its dignity and efficiency.

7. You can come to the minister and ask him what you could do to promote the welfare of our Church and the community.

8. You can pray to God that He may bless the efforts of those who work earnestly in the Church and for its welfare, and that He may show you what work you may take up for His sake.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The first task before us this month is the *block party*, Friday and Saturday, the 11th and 12th. We have been successful in the past, and it is becoming us to continue so. The secret of success is united action, and division of labor and cheerfulness. Every one should seek to do something helpful, and the leaders should always be found in the lead. This and God's blessing of fine weather will insure success.

We make an earnest appeal to our Sunday School teachers to resume promptly the work in their classes. A meeting of teachers will be called some time in October to confer together upon the work of the coming season. We also make as earnest an appeal to members and friends of St. George's to offer their services in the Sunday School as teachers. Our numbers have grown and the demand for teachers has increased also, which must be met.

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CONFIRMATION.

On Sunday evening, November 8, Bishop Rhinelander will visit St. George's Church for confirmation. We hope and pray that he will find a large number of men and women who are desirous of uniting with St. George's congregation in carrying on the good work of the Church. We ask the cooperation of our people both in work and prayer in presenting to the Bishop a large company of men and women on Confirmation Day.

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Our Women's Bible Class will resume its sessions under the guidance of Mrs. Bright the first Sunday in October. The hour of meeting is 3 P. M. We would suggest that every member try to bring with her one or more friends who might wish to join this unexcelled Bible Class.

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Boys under 12 years of age desirous of joining the Junior Troop of our Boy Scouts will please make application to the minister. After studying thoroughly the ways of

the Scout movement we are convinced that it is the best organization for boys. The co-operation of the parents, however, goes a long way in carrying out the excellent objects of this movement.

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The Women's Guild is to open the season's work with a social meeting on the lawn, September 3, in which the children are to take a part. The steady growth of this Guild, both in numbers and spirit, is highly gratifying. By the time our new Church is built we shall have a body of women workers unexcelled by any other mission or parish. We are surely moving in that direction. The secret of the success of our Guild is the spirit of harmony which exists among the members. Each member is working for the welfare of the Church in a Christian fashion.

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We are very much in need of a guardian for a group of Camp Fire Girls. According to the rules, the guardian must be a woman not less than 21 years of age. We pray that some public-spirited, good woman may offer her service as guardian. The Camp Fire Girls correspond in the general aim and objects to those of the Boys' Scouts.

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We still hope that some benevolent person will make us a present of a good Victrola. We are sure our friends, by this time, know us well enough to know that we do not ask for things unless convinced of their utility. There is a good and sufficient reason why we ask for this gift. There is much more than mere entertainment in it.

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Our pastor expects to return home from his vacation for the third Sunday in September, on which day he hopes that our congregation will join him in Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M., as well as at usual hour at 8 o'clock. It is meet and right so to do.

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There is a splendid group of young ladies in our congregation of whom we may well be proud. They have all the qualfications for usefulness. They are young and full of life, and they have claims on us for recreation as well as instruction. We are ready to afford them every opportunity for enjoying life in the best possible way, and we trust that they will avail themselves of this opportunity. We are ready to consider any plans they make for the social life of our young people; but we suggest that these plans embody as far as possible the Christian spirit of fellowship, which is *neighborhood* fellowship, which is broad and universal, which takes in all those who need this fellowship, which is not puffed up, but which is kind and sympathetic, which has no "clicks," though it may have friendships.

No society is more fit and capable of carrying out such plans than the Girls' Friendly Society properly guided. We, therefore, look with much expectation for some good work in that direction from the G. F. S., standing ready to back them in any such work they may undertake.

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Side by side with our girls are some young men whom we should be glad to support in the recreations. We are ready to furnish them with a competent leader of ability in athletics. We should suggest, therefore, to our young men to organize themselves into an athletic association. Under this name the scope of activity may be widened indefinitely, and with the help of a good and permanent leader, what could not our young men do both for themselves and others? The building of the new church opens up to them new opportunities which they can certainly use to good advantage.

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We expect to resume our moving picture shows on Saturday evenings and afternoons early in October. Our machine and pictures are not in the least behind in quality of any other show. In many respects they are even better. We depend largely upon the co-operation of our people. We are not in this business for money making, and would gladly give back the profit to the people in entertainment and instruction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE.

The annual Sunday School parade will take place Saturday afternoon, September 26. We hereby give notice to all the scholars and teachers to get ready for this glorious occasion. St. George's has always shined in the parade; let us continue to do so this time also. What a glorious sight it would be if our 95 men of the Men's Bible Class and 32 women of their Bible Class and as many members of the Young Ladies' Drexel-Biddle Bible Class would march in the long line to show their loyalty to the Book which they study.

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One of the greatest opportunities in St. George's is the one now before the Drexel-Biddle Men's Bible Class. With a membership of nearly 100 to start with, what can they not do in awakening in the men of the neighborhood a desire to know the Bible rightly. The method is very simple. If only 25 members give themselves for a season with real devotion to the cause, success is assured. The Bible has been, is, and will always be the bulwark of true religion and of the life of the world, but it is only so when people know it and understand it rightly. We need only to instruct the people in the knowledge of the Bible, and we need fear no evil, for this rod and this staff comforts us. This is an admitted fact. All that is needed is to put it into practice. And who are they who are to put it into practice if not the members of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Class? And who of the classes are to blaze the way if not St. George's? Surely, our Roman Catholic brethren are not going to do it. They do not believe in it on principle. But we do believe in reading and studying the Bible, and if we do not encourage and urge our neighbors to do so, who is going to do it? In Europe at this moment men are pouring out their life-blood for a cause. Surely, we have a cause greater than theirs which we can work for only at the expense of some leisure or some comfort. Our Bible class may become most respected and most lauded by doubling our membership this year. It can be done.

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It is desirable and needful that all

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.		
619,	Aug. 2,	Charles Joseph Kienzlen
620,	" 2,	Verna May Patton
621,	" 2,	William Garfield Ralston
622,	" 2,	Thomas Patton Ralston
623,	" 2,	Raymond Edward Schaffer
624,	" 2,	William LeRoy Kuster
625,	" 9,	Clementine Bond Greenwald
626,	" 9,	Frank Dyer Galbraith
627,	" 12,	Robert William Gail
628,	" 12,	Dorothy Gail

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.		
263,	Aug. 6,	Rebecca Wood
264,	" 17,	Clara Irene Kober

MARRIAGES

No.		
105,	Aug. 27,	Harrie C. Mackie and Emeline Donnenhaver

Baptisms at Chapel

No.		
27,	Aug. 17,	William White
28,	" 17,	Edward Harry Arndt

our people read the ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR. And as we have no adequate means of prompt delivery to the homes of our people, we thought it well to try the following experiment: We are quite sure that those wishing to have the VISITOR fresh from the printing press would be glad to pay a cent a copy to the delivery boy. We therefore appointed Master Charles Griess, who will act as the official delivery man at the cost of one cent a copy to the receiver. Those who call for the VISITOR at the Parish House will get it free of charge. We trust that this will insure the spread of information about the doings of our Church. The VISITOR should be spread also among our neighbors.

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Everything else being equal it would be right that our readers patronize our advertisers. One good turn deserves another.

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In our statement in the last issue of the amounts contributed by St. George's to missions, we omitted to record the sending of $7.25 by the Junior Auxiliary towards the support of a scholarship in St. Hilda's School, Wuchang, China; making a total for missions of $163.63.

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Statistics show that the average yearly output of the American Bible Society for twenty-five years, up to six years ago, was 1,500,000 volumes. For the last five years, up to a year ago, it was a little over 2,000,000 yearly. Last year the society published 5,251,176 volumes.

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Here is a testimony of President Wilson: "Scholarship has usually been most fruitful when associated with religion, and scholarship has never, so far as I can at this moment recollect, been associated with any religion except the religion of Jesus Christ."

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While resting in these mountains and away from the busy world, you are never absent from my mind, especially our dear children. I trust that you are all well, and will be so when I return. It would be a great pleasure to me if we all join together in Holy Communion on Sunday, September 20, the Sunday after my arrival home.

With heartiest good wishes and love, I am,

Faithfully yours,
A. J. ARKIN.

Do not misunderstand the minister whenever he takes the trouble to come to you and ask you to do a certain thing; it is not for his convenience that he does it, but for the benefit of the congregation and quite often for your own good. In refusing the thing you can do, you commit two wrongs: one, your unjustifiable disrespect for the wishes of your pastor; the other, your withholding your help from the congregation.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

Miss Coulter has taken a much deserved vacation of two weeks, and her place as head of the primary department in the Sunday School will be taken during her absence by her faithful and trusty assistants, Mr. Arndt and Miss Margaret Hall, aided by Mr. and Mrs. Sladen. We all wish Miss Coulter a most enjoyable and profitable vacation, and we shall rejoice in welcoming her home again.

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The attention of scholars, teachers and parents is called to the fact that our Sunday School new year begins with September 1. Shall we not have a greater record for good attendance this coming year than the one gone before? We look prayerfully and with confidence to a season of still greater interest and increased activity.

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One of our teachers has provided himself with a Bible dictionary for use in his class work. This is a gratifying evidence of substantial interest in the school and its work, from which both pupils and teacher are highly profited.

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Miss Elsie Seemueller gave her class a day's outing in Fairmount Park. They had a most enjoyable time, and the lunch basket lost all its weight on their return home that evening.

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The appearance of the Chapel grounds, under the care of the Social Club, has wonderfully improved and is growing in attractiveness. The completion of the roof and the number of minor repairs have added greatly to the quiet charm of the Chapel grounds. The secret of this inexpressible charm and humble loveliness lies in the personal work given liberally by the faithful members of the Chapel.

Through the kindness of Walter Leigh, who will provide the material, the iron fence at the front will be given a new coat of paint; our men will do the work.

Mr. Charles Blatz has kindly painted the storage shed in the yard and also the side entrance covering. We thank him for this kind help, and are looking forward to the time we may be able to paint the

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Beginning September 6 services will begin at 7.30 Sunday evenings, with Sunday School and Bible Classes meeting at 2.30 in the afternoon.

An important Guild meeting will be held Tuesday evening, September 8. Please note this date, and make it possible for yourself to attend this meeting.

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Bishop Rhinelander will visit the Chapel on the evening of November 27. May every one work and pray earnestly that those still unconfirmed may be led to take this important step in the presence of our Bishop.

Mr. Sladen will be glad to meet and confer with any one who may be desirous of being confirmed.

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The baptismal bowl referred to in our last issue is now the prized property of the Chapel, and is ready to be used for the next baptism. One of our young ladies is making a mat on which it will rest in the font. This is but another of the many evidences, already cited, of the deep interest and loyal support of our dear people. Many of them are looking for a chance to do something personally for the house of God.

The glass bowl used in baptism so long, and which was borrowed, was returned to the owner with hearty thanks. Our people are always ready to supply, if within their reach, whatever may be needed for the service in their house of worship.

The Social Club is planning an enjoyable affair to be held on the Chapel lawn, Saturday afternoon and evening, Sept. 26th. It is proposed to make this a sort of "Field Day" with games and sports in the afternoon, and a supper, (served on the lawn,) in the evening.

There will be other refreshments, and music; and we are confident all who attend will find this a very enjoyable occasion. Prizes will be awarded the winners in the different contests.

Please keep the date in mind—September 26th.

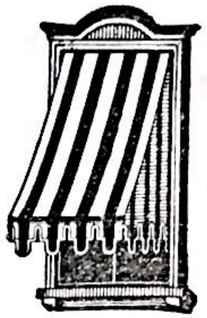
A LETTER.

My dear Friends:

Our first Guild meeting since the summer recess will be held on Tuesday evening, September 8, at 8 o'clock. I hope then to meet you all prepared for greater efforts in the Master's work which we are to carry on in St. George's Chapel this coming season.

Faithfully yours,
GEO. E. SLADEN.

The picture of our choir, which Mr. Barnes, our choirmaster, has recently had taken, shows a wonderful improvement in personnel and general character. The members will surely treasure this gift as a sweet remembrance of faithful service and a source of encouragement and zeal for further progress.



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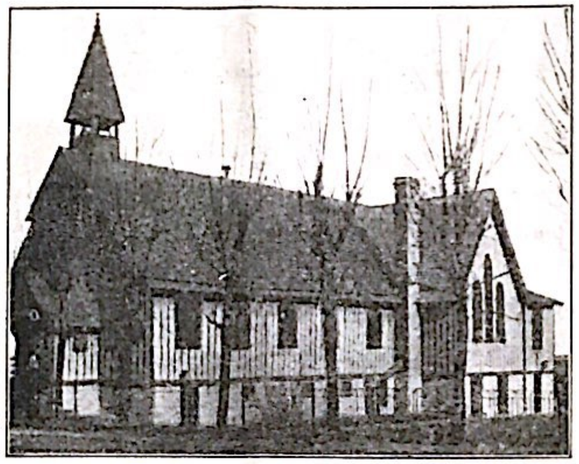
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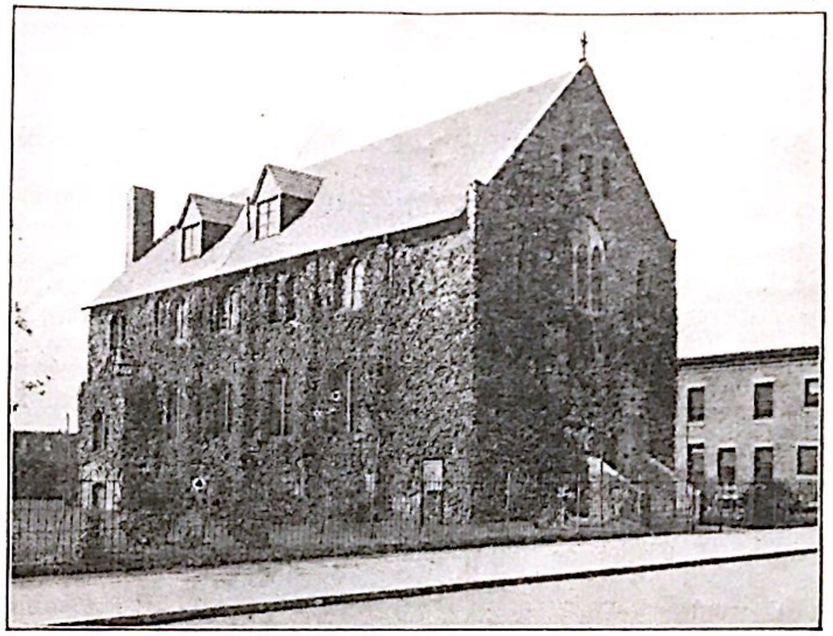
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THE WAR.

The war now raging in Europe does not prove the weakness of Christianity; but it does prove the inevitable degradation to which men must come who disregard the teachings of Christ as impracticable. The nations of Europe call themselves Christians; but there is no Christianity without the observance of Christ's Commandments. The war is raging horribly and civilization is crumbling before it, because the teachings of Christ, and His philosophy of life, has been consistently and deliberately rejected as utopian, impracticable. The rulers of the nations have been wise in their own eyes, and the people loved to have it so. But who dares to call this war Christian? Indeed, the only claim to Christianity which the nations may have is the fact that not one of them will accept responsibility for this war. There is still in existence a sentiment strong enough to shame out and condemn the guilty, and this sentiment is Christian. It is absolutely unfair and malicious to cast reflection on the efficacy of Christianity, which, if it had been heeded, would have made this holocaust needless and impossible. Can we not hear our Lord's cry still ringing "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the prophets, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her own brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Substitute Europe for Jerusalem and you have the truth as it is to-day. So deep seated is the old-time heathen philosophy in the hearts of nations that it has taken 2,000 years to bring us to the little knowledge of Him we now have. But even this *little* knowledge of Him is the *saving* knowledge.

It is utterly preposterous to find justification for war in the New Testament. Christ's teachings have caused Him to be proclaimed throughout the world the Prince of Peace. And all mediations for peace are carried on in His name. There is no stronger argument for peace than Christ Himself. It is the only argument.

To be sure men and women must war. Life itself is a battle. But it is a bloodless war. It is a war not of carnage but of conquest; a war not to kill, but make alive; a war against SIN! It was that war to which our Lord refers in His characteristic way, "Think not that I came to send peace on the earth! I came not to send peace but a sword!" (Mt. 10:34.) It is the same "sword" which St. John saw in his vision on the isle of Patmos: "and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." (Rev. 1:16.) It is by the word of truth, denouncing sin and selfishness in the severest terms, which cut like a sword, that our Lord gave His life; but He shed His blood that no blood should be shed: He died that men might live, both here and hereafter. By His death on the cross He made it the symbol of sympathy, love and peace. The carrying of the cross in barbaric war is sacrilege. We are not to carry the cross, we are to bear it, as He bore it. This kind of war alone will eventually bring peace, but no other.

It is so among nations, and it is so among ourselves as neighbors.

It is for peace and happiness that you, dear reader, are invited to join St. George's in the war it is now waging. This war is a truly Christian war. From day to day we are continually battling against the difficulties which make life hard; and we use our energies and ammunition to remove obstacles and make it easier for men and women and children to live rightly. We do not kill, but rush to save. We do not use artillery and rifles to destroy, but we have Coal Saving and Stamp Saving Funds and other devices of helpfulness. We labor that others may not work so hard. We worry in order that others may have less anxiety. Our battalions are the church societies of brave soldiers who march to the order of the Prince of Peace. It is not easy; yes, it is hard, as all sincere Christian workers know; but it is a battle, a battle of life, not of death; it is a battle of salvation, of saving; and the joy of it is life-giving. Come, dear reader, enlist in our ranks and let us march together, keeping time to *our* war song,

"Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus going on before!"

CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation Day is an opportunity sent from above. Here is a chance to do something for the Master. If you think that St. George's Church is useful in the Master's service of doing good, join the Confirmation Class. The question is really not What is, or, Why is Confirmation? Depend upon it, there are good reasons for it in the Scriptures; but the real question which you alone must answer is, Will you by becoming confirmed add to the usefulness of St. George's Church? Most assuredly you will, and what is more, your own life will be enriched. The Church needs you, and you need the Church. And why not act on this sensible and Christian proposition.

Bishop Rhinelander will visit us Sunday evening, November 8. We appeal, both to our members and those who should join us, to cooperate in the name of our Saviour, in the effort of presenting to the Bishop on his visit here a goodly class of men and women.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A very important agency in the work of our parish, needful, is the Sunday School Teachers' Association. We must work together and earnestly in the building up of our Sunday School. We should make the teachers' meetings interesting as well as instructive. We call upon every teacher to work for the increase of this body in numbers and faithfulness of service. We welcome suggestions to accomplish this end.

Beginning with Saturday, October 10, our basement will be reopened for moving picture enter-

tainments at popular admission price. There will also be a matinee for children and others at 3 o'clock. The pictures will be of the finest.

Our young men are planning for the organization of an efficient athletic association. We wish to assure them that we shall back them in every legitimate undertaking; but they must go about it in a businesslike and manly way, which is the only way to success. There is no reason why fifteen young men of brain and brawn, to start with, could not make their efforts count for something.

Our Scout Troop No. 60 has earned much praise for all that the movement stands. We should commend it heartily to manly boys who wish to taste the true joys of boyhood days. Boys may apply for admission to the Rev. Mr. Arkin, or to Mr. Norman Turnbull, our excellent assistant scoutmaster.

To enable our younger boys to get the training of the Boy Scouts it has been thought well to organize a Junior Troop of Scouts. Mr. Turnbull, in charge of the Scouts, is willing to take charge of the Juniors, and applications will be received either by the minister or Mr. Turnbull. This Junior troop will enjoy all the activities they may wish to enter into. Here is a chance, boys!

There is hardly any one in our neighborhood who could not make himself or herself a useful member of the community by joining one or more of our societies and at the same time add joy and cheer to his or her own life.

The Girls' Friendly Society, as fine a lot of young ladies as can be found anywhere in the country, meets Monday evenings at 7.45. No one can be lonesome for two minutes in their company.

The Candidates' Branch of the G. F. S., No. 1, meets Thursday evening at 7.30. These girls are just getting ready to become young ladies, and they are certainly a fine group of faithful workers.

Candidates' Branch No. 2, the little girls, brighter than whom we have not seen, meet for sewing and other things and games Monday afternoon at 3.30.

The Women's Guild, a most harmonious body of Christian ladies, meets Thursday at 2 P. M. Any lady who has not moved in the atmosphere of this Guild is missing something in life. They will be glad to welcome new members. You owe it to yourself and them to join the Guild.

The Men's Club, a very hospitable company of decent men, will be glad to welcome you at their meeting in the basement Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Pay them a visit; you will be rewarded for your trouble.

The Scouts meet at 7.45 the same evening.

Two Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes, one of men and one of young ladies, meet about 9 o'clock Sunday morning. If you really want to get an intelligent knowledge of the Bible, of which you have heard so much, pay us a visit.

The Women's Bible Class meets under Mrs. Bright's guidance at 3 P. M. on Sunday. This class is the pride of St. George's. They will be glad to welcome you.

THE FAIR.

The cool weather is giving us warning that our Annual Fair is due early in December. We beg the readers of this notice to begin now their works for the coming Fair. With the experience we have had, our Fair should be a great success financially and otherwise. Form your committees to begin to plan things. Our friends will surely help us also this time; but we must do *our* best.

Shall we have a grand Hallowe'en party? If so, when and how? Please let us put our heads together for an enjoyable Hallowe'en.

It is well to look ahead, and inasmuch as Christmas is coming we ought to look up some good Cantata for our children at our annual Christmas festival, and make selections and arrange for rehearsals.

The Primary Department of our Sunday School is collecting a fund to purchase a suitable flag to be carried in future parades. They have gathered together about $6 by extra pennies in addition to their regular collection, and are going to continue so till they have $11. This will be the finest flag ever made.

In the general Sunday School parade September 26, St. George's took their proper place, and it was a creditable one. On the way we met the children of St. Ambrose, and they certainly showed up nicely. We are indebted to Mr. Horsfield, who helped us out with a wagon; also to Mr. Kerr for the same. It was said that our line of march extended two squares, and we had five wagons of little ones besides, one of them containing sixty children. Hardly one-half of our people turned out. We hope by next year our line will be even longer.

On his return from his vacation the minister was delightfully surprised with the improved outside appearance of the parish house. He found that in his absence ten of our faithful men conspired and by their own efforts accomplished a work that might have cost $150. They overhauled all the windows and painted all the outside works of the parish house, from top to the bottom, using their splendid skill as riggers, carpenters and painters, and giving our parish house a delicate touch of quiet beauty suitable to a house of God. This work, done by the hands of our men themselves, adds a hundred fold to its worth. The age when the people themselves were beautifying their churches of historic beauty has not altogether disappeared. It is showing itself constantly in St. George's, both in the the old chapel and the new.

We need very much in this busy parish house a first-class Victrola. Will some kind friend provide this need in St. George's? We know not whence this gift might come, but we feel sure it ought to come, because it is needful. We can turn this instrument to very good advantage in our missionary work.

✠ PARISH REGISTER ✠

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
629, Sept. 5, Earl Clifford Myers
630, " 9, Elmira May Doneker
631, " 27, Ruth Marjorie Schauermann

MARRIAGES

No.
106, Sept. 26, Jacob Beiderman and Mary Raufer
107, Sept. 30, Robert Wagner and Lillian May Haughey

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
265, Aug. 27, Anna Fitton
266, " 28, Hattie Hughes
267, Sept. 7. George Washington Clemens
268, " 15, Mary Martin

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
29 Sept. 26, Clifford James Oechsle

Burials

No.
2, Aug 31, William White

There is a fine group of girls in St. George's who are desirous and eager to form themselves into a company of what goes by the name of Camp Fire Girls. It is a movement corresponding to that of the Boy Scouts. Will some lady volunteer to accept the leadership of these girls? We read of many good women entering hospital work caused by the present war in Europe. Surely there are many young women who have the time and intelligence and who are public spirited enough, with love for our church, to volunteer service in the peaceful war carried on by St. George's. It is perfectly safe, and the reward is great. Will not some woman volunteer to take up the work of the Camp Fire Girls here?

Boxes and barrels of clothing and household articles are needed in our store. Our monthly rummage sale takes place the first Wednesday in the month. We shall greatly appreciate the kindness of friends who would keep St. George's in mind when they are making inventories of their homes.

We have some group pictures of our children and Bible classes which our people would like to own. Many parents doubtless would give a great deal to save the picture of their boy or girl in this beautiful setting. They can get a copy for very little at the parish house.

On Saturday evening, September 26, there met at the Bible Class' summer home, Lansdowne, the directors of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes in their semi-annual session. Dr. Tomkins presided. It was a remarkable gathering of laymen and some clergy of various denominations. The reports of the president, Mr. Biddle, and officers, were most inspiring and encouraging. The work to be done in several of

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our mission stations was assigned and eagerly accepted by the district leaders, a work covering the coming nine months. One left the mission deeply impressed with the fact that something real and effectual for Christ has been done.

Who will start the Light and Heat Fund for the coming year? We need coal and gas to keep the parish house warm and well lighted. Will some one start the list? We should be glad to get suggestions as to ways and means of getting an adequate fund to pay the coal and light bills. A hearty and steady support of our entertainments and moving picture shows would go a long ways to solve this problem. But there are other ways also.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

Our Sunday School commencement festival will take place at the Sunday evening service, October 4, at 7.30 o'clock. Our scholars will then be presented with rewards for good attendance during the past school year. We look forward with much pleasure and interest to this occasion of public recognition of real merit.

Our fall term opens with bright prospects, and we prayerfully expect greater things for our beloved scholars, our faithful teachers and officers.

Class No 5, Miss Helen Hewitt, teacher, holds the record of being the banner class throughout September. Who will get this honor this month?

We are pleased to report a steady growth in both Bible classes under the direction of Mrs. Sladen and Mr. Karcher. The young ladies' class will soon be a well-established company for good work in the chapel, and the men's class has always been a splendid support; its members have always been eager and ready to do what has been required of them.

We are glad to see Mr. Karcher at his accustomed post after some days of sickness.

Two big wagon loads of little ones of the Chapel Sunday School participated in the great parade September 26, and judging from their flushed faces and sparkling eyes on their return they must have enjoyed it immensely. The wagons were secured by Messrs. Karcher and Pogson.

It is with intense pleasure and secret pride that we record the following most gracious and proper act in connection with our Sunday School:

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days of the Chapel Sunday School. But time, the obliterator, has nearly erased the inscription. This has been restored in its beautiful letters by our kindly secretary, Mr. Charles Seemueller. And now the words "In loving remembrance of Emily Walton, Sunday School teacher," speak again most eloquently to our congregation and Sunday School children of the eternal glory of a faithful servant of Christ. This is the result of a kindly act.

Our first annual field day, Saturday, September 26, proved a decided success. There were ten numbers on the program of amusement and fun, both for children and grown-ups. Among these were several kinds of races which provoked much merriment among the spectators. Twenty prizes were distributed among the winners, who were evidently much pleased with the selections of the prize committee. The "seven-cent" supper which followed in the evening was a novelty enjoyed by all. The three courses served at seven cents each at as many different tables caused much fun and sociability to the gratification of all, especially of those who planned the function. The Social Club verily has earned its name, and it is a pleasure to say so.

The next event in prospect is the Hallowe'en party, to be held Friday night, October 30. Following the experience of the past, this event will be made memorable, and will be followed by a supper served by our ladies. It will be a real treat.

The greatest event, however, in the life of our people will be Bishop Rhinelander's visit to the chapel for Confirmation Friday evening, November 27. Mr. Sladen earnestly requests all who are thinking of joining the class to confer with him at once. When the confirmation class is formed the Rev. Mr. Arkin will meet the members for instruction previous to the Bishop's visit. Let us all pray to God for a large and substantial class.

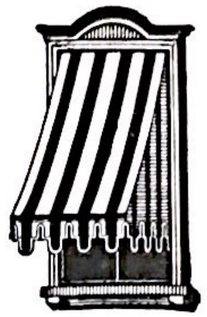
Our thanks are due to Mr. Jos. Hanson for many odd repairs to the building. His last work has been putting new fasteners on the basement windows which were much needed.

Mr. Morris Bieber has kindly volunteered to repair the several broken chairs and benches in the primary department of the Sunday School.

Miss Coulter reports good interest and attendance in the Primary Department of the Sunday School. Preparations and rehearsals will soon begin for the Christmas cantata, which is always a success and a pleasure to all our people.

We were glad to welcome back the Rev. Mr. Arkin from his vacation September 20, when he visited the chapel for a baptism.

The daily kindergarten, under Miss Ott, has opened most promisingly with a large enrollment and attendance. More and more it is growing in importance and goodly influence. We hope and pray that the friends of this institution will continue their help that it may live and prosper.



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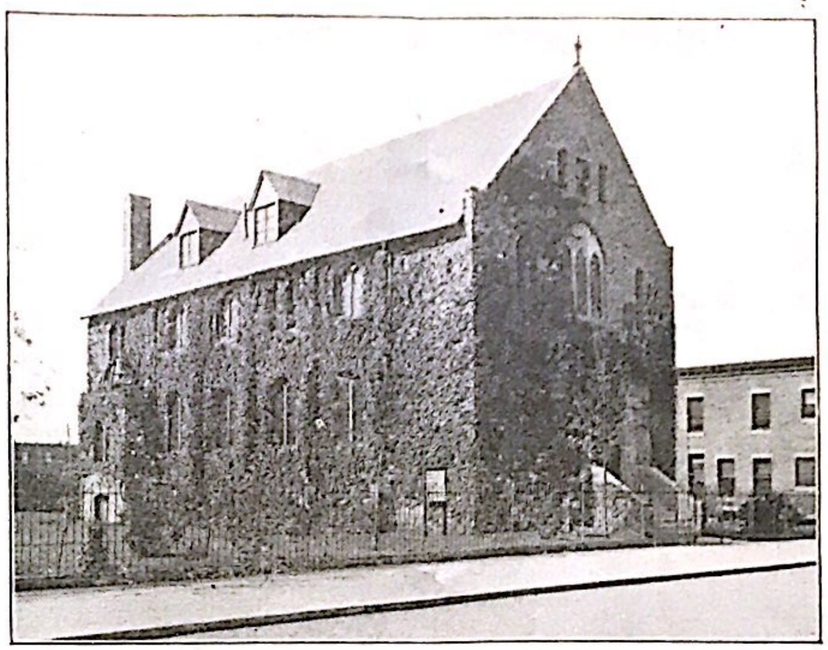
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NOVEMBER THE EIGHTH.

This date marks another Confirmation Day in the life of St. George's Mission. This month also closes the thirteenth year of the present Minister's life in St. George's Mission. During his activity since November, 1901, 669 were baptized and 431 were confirmed. And now there is another Confirmation Class to be admitted by Bishop Rhinelander on November the 8th, and another Confirmation Class at the Old Chapel, Venango, on November 27.

It is with most earnest prayer that we all should be looking towards these days, praying to God daily that many men and women may be led to join us by Confirmation in the service of God; praying also that God may give us the wisdom, and the will to become His instruments in the bringing of men and women nearer to God.

There is no reason in the world, except sin, wilfulness, prejudice and ignorance, any one or all of these, that may stand in the way of accepting the time-honored custom of Confirmation which has been in the Church of Christ from the beginning. It is a Church rite which all Christians, no matter of what denomination, can accept without the slightest change in their faith necessary to the salvation of the soul. Confirmation takes nothing from the faith, but it adds the strength of the Holy Spirit to keep the faith. And this is the reason why Confirmation, or the Laying on of Hands, as the Scripture calls it, was diligently practiced by the Apostles, as is faithfully recorded in the Book the Acts of the Apostles (8: 14-17; 19: 2-6; Hebrews 6: 2). The Book the Acts of the Apostles is the reliable record of the rites of the mother Church at Jerusalem. What is there recorded was not written for mere information or entertainment, but as St. Paul says of the Bible: "Whatsoever things were written beforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Rom. 15: 4.) Again when he writes to Timothy: "Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness." In the Epistle to the Hebrews is recorded the fact that Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands, was an established custom at the time the Epistle was written. Among the things established were: "repentance from dead work, faith toward God, the teachings of baptisms, and of the laying on of hands, and of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment." (Heb. 6: 2.)

Thus, it is plainly shown that Confirmation is decidedly scriptural. Why then stay away from Confirmation?

Get a new broom and sweep away the dirt and cobweb of your heart; and let in the light of reason and the Spirit, and the way will be clear to Confirmation.

There is plenty of time even now to learn what you need to know for Confirmation. The Minister will be glad to help you.

"They said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized."

"Now when the Apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John." Why did the Apostles send Peter and John to those who had been baptized by Philip, the Minister? The answer is in the Scriptures: "Only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they (Peter and John) their hands on them, and they (who were baptized) received the Holy Spirit."

Does not this show you your plain duty?

What is the cause of so much unhappiness in home life? What is the cause of so much misery in home life? What is the cause of so many shattered homes, of wringing hearts, of agonizing souls?

It is not she, he or it. If you really desire to know the real cause, and are not afraid of the truth, read our Lord's words given plainly and frankly: "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father who is in heaven." (Mt. 10: 32-33.) To accept Christ heartily and openly is to be brought into the joys of heaven wherever one may be. To deny Christ is to be denied the joys and peace of heaven wherever one may be. God is not deceived by a double life of a man or a woman. The cause of unhappiness, therefore, is not he, she or it, but "you" or, more truly, "I." There is much useless and ridiculous shifting of responsibility upon others and upon things. But are we sure that we have done *our* best in keeping ourselves and helping others to the joys which come from an honest knowledge and confession of Christ!

Read again: "He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3: 18.)

When we deny God a share in our life, we deny ourselves the joy of life.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

It has been suggested by a kind neighbor that it might be well to place prominently on our signboard that the proceeds of our moving pictures every Saturday evening will be devoted to an outing fund for children during the summer. He thought that this would increase the receipts, because more people would come to our moving picture shows. Let us make ourselves clear. There is hardly anything in St. George's that is not used for the benefit of children in one way or another. The facts are so evident that we never thought of announcing them on the signboard. Perhaps we do owe this to the public, of calling their attention to the work of St. George's. Let them examine it, and see for them-

selves that everything we have, and for which we ask their co-operation, is for the benefit primarily of the children, and not of children only, but of men and women also.

The more sympathy and co-operation we get, the wider our sphere of usefulness to the neighborhood.

Our moving picture shows are second to none in the city.

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Our Italian people are to give an entertainment for the benefit of their good work in the basement of this Parish House, Wednesday evening, November 4, at 8 o'clock. Admission by ticket.

There will be some excellent features contributed by Italian gentlemen and ladies.

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On the third Sunday, November 15, the Knights of Malta will attend our evening service, at which their uniformed rank will join in the procession of the choir. We trust our congregation will give them a warm welcome.

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One fruitful source of sickness is bad housing. We often hear people attributing continuous sickness to the bad luck of the house. In spite of God's prohibition throughout the Bible of all sorts of superstitious beliefs, and in spite of their Christian profession, there are still many who think that God's power can be limited by a lucky or unlucky number, day or house; or that a little trinket or image can change the will of God. Our Lord says that God is spirit, that He is almighty and alwise and present everywhere. If we walk with God, He is always with us, and He cannot be influenced by lucky or unlucky things. He has given us eyes to see, and intelligence to learn how to live. If we neglect these we suffer. This is especially true in home life. For this reason we are very glad to announce that Mr. Bernard J. Newman, Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Commission, will address our congregation the fourth Sunday evening, November 22, at our 7.30 o'clock service, on good and bad housing. Will you not, dear reader, publish this among your neighbors, inviting them to come to hear Mr. Newman, who has a most important message in the interest of public health, principally the health of our women and children?

THE FAIR.

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Our annual fair comes on December 10-12. It is an occasion which impels us to go out on the highways as well as in the by-ways and constrain people to send us something for the fair. We earnestly hope the readers of this appeal will heed it well.

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If you cannot send us new things for the fair, send us old things for the rummage sale which we have on the first Wednesday of each month. Shoes, clothing, and other things will be cheerfully accepted and made use of.

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We cannot urge too strongly upon our Sunday School teachers the importance of attending their weekly teachers' meeting every Friday at 8 P. M. for the purpose of studying the lesson for the following Sunday and for mutual consultation as to how the work should go on successfully. The work of Sunday School teachers is of paramount importance.

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Is there not in our diocese one young woman free and willing to give one evening a week to lead our young girls in the Girls' Camp Fire movement at St. George's Mission? It would be her greatest contribution, and a partial return for God's gifts to her. Furthermore, this giving of her talents and personal service will abundantly enrich her own life more and more. Is there any response?

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We are glad to print this message from our Girls' Friendly Society, a company of girls second to none in the city: Many interesting things are taking place at our meetings. "The First Aid" sessions are being held once a month. On October 19 Miss Mary Randall, of the Visiting Nurses' Association, delivered an interesting address on first aid. The dancing class has begun this month and will continue every other Monday; also the sewing evenings, when we will make garments for the "Christmas Ship" for the distressed children whose fathers are killing one another in war.

Come and join us, and we promise you will spend many happy evenings, and get a taste of the real joys of life.

The Candidates' Branch of the G. F. S., No. 1, is also hard at work on Thursday evenings, and the time is spent, after the regular service, in sewing, social gatherings, and talks on special subjects. We extend a cordial welcome to all the girls wishing to become candidates of the G. F. S., or would like to have a taste of our meetings.

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Those who show the greatest earnestness and eagerness for both work and play are the little girls, members of the Candidates' Branch No. 2, who meet every Monday at 3.30 in the afternoon.

We have begun to dress dolls for the fair (and a little child shall lead you), and the subscription of one cent a week goes towards covering expenses. This work is growing apace, and we therefore are very glad to welcome Mrs. George Bauer as a volunteer helper. We stand ready to welcome any other good neighbor willing to help in this most important work in the interest of little girls. Remember our Lord's saying: "Inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

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Christmas is coming. And now is the time to begin work for a Christmas cantata. The teachers and Sunday School children are asked to work together for the success of this cantata. Please do not wait to be asked. Come and offer your help like a real Christian. All of us, parents, children and teachers, should all rally to make the Christmas cantata a success. The very word Christmas should make us all liberal and kind, and ready to help.

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
632, Oct. 4, Ruth Mary Miller
633, " 4, Ethel Mildred Beswick
634, " 7, Mary Werner
635, " 11, John William Gordon
636, " 18, Christian Elijah Wurst
637, " 18, Stewart McGarvey
638, " 19, Edward Joseph Tong
639, " 19, Anna Helen Blunt
640, " 25, Isabell Munro
641, " 27, Elsie May MacBride
642, " 27, Sarah Emma Bilson Bloom
643, " 27, Frances Elizabeth Bloom

MARRIAGES

No.
108, Oct. 19, John W Madden and Mary R. McCracken

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
269 Oct. 1, Earl Clifford Myers

And so-called economy was naturally strained to the breaking point. Instead of copper, sheet iron was used, and the roof was put on as cheaply as possible. Our people have been meeting the repairs from time to time; but now the roof is leaking, and the valleys and gutters will have to be replaced with copper, and these improvements will in all likelihood amount to at least $500, if not more. The winter with its storms is upon us; and what shall we say? Please, help us out.

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Our Scout Troop No. 60 is improving daily in character and personnel. For the information of parents having boys, we wish to state that the Scout movement is the greatest movement for boys. It is a conservation, or saving, movement; saving in character and even money. A Scout's outfit and weekly dues are an investment which yields great returns in due time not only in the saving of money, but what is more valuable, in the placing of the boy on the right track of life. If parents would only realize fully their duty towards their boy, they would bring him by the hand to the Scoutmaster and co-operate with him thenceforth to help their boy live up to the Scout rules. They will find it a great saving; also of anxiety to themselves as well as to the future of the boy.

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Forty-five men were present at our Men's Drexel-Biddle Bible Class at 9 A. M. Sunday, October 25, and thirty-five men the Sunday before, to hear the Bible taught. The men also meet on Tuesday evenings to discuss ways and means of increasing the membership and attendance. What would happen if every man would become so in earnest as to go out and bring in another man! Our Lord Himself, good humoredly, but all significantly, said to Peter the fisherman, when He beheld his earnestness; "From henceforth thou shalt no more be a fisherman, but a fisher of men"; the greatest title which our

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If the Bible is worth parading for at night for hours with an expense of brass bands, is it not worth listening to in the church on Sunday?

Any coward can march with thousands once a year, but it requires real manliness and courage to go to Church every Sunday alone, being guyed by your fellows. The one is a heathen, the other is a Christian.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

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The Junior Auxiliary, under the direction of Miss Katherine C. Coulter, meets every Wednesday from 7.30 to 9 P. M. The meeting is opened with a hymn, prayers and another hymn. This is followed by a short lesson, a reading in concert from the Bible, accompanied by a few remarks; then the business meeting, a missionary story, and then some physical exercise, or relaxation of some kind; then work, after this games, then closing with prayers. This program is subject to change. Both the girls and their leader welcome visitors.

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The Sunday School reports are gratifying. We are glad to see Mr. George Oechsle in his place each Sunday notwithstanding the increasing distance due to his moving his home farther away. We regret that Mr. Arndt, for many years a faithful assistant to Miss Coulter, has left his post due to his moving from the neighborhood, but we are glad that he transferred his activities and usefulness to the Parish House in Richmond. His place is ably filled by Mr. Joseph Hanson, for a long time a fellow-worker with Mr. Arndt.

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We are grateful to Master Paul Pogson for a fine piece of repairs.

The altar has been supplied with attractive flowers the entire month through the kindness of Mrs. Karcher.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Hill the choir spent two pleasant evenings, combining the rehearsal with a social time at the homes of those ladies.

The Social Club is planning a series of pleasant evenings at the homes of our members from time to time. A "Post Card" evening of fun is being arranged for the near future.

The great event to which we are looking forward with much pleasure, at this writing, is the Hallowe'en party Friday, October 30.

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About one hundred people attended the evening service on October 4 when prayers for the peace of nations were offered up. It was

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also the occasion for recognition of the faithfulness of our Sunday School scholars. Our hearts rejoiced at the sight of the faithful scholars receiving their rewards.

We are grateful to God for the inspiration of this service. The following is the list of those who have received reward:

For perfect attendance: Katherine Donohue, Josephine Hanson, Katherine Abrams.

Absent not more than five times: Herman Bauman, Ida Seemueller, Marie White, Bertie Karcher, Jennie Hewitt, Benjamin Karcher, Edna Read, May Hanson, Emil Karcher, Josephine Karcher, Louis Kershaw, William W. Brown, Albert Voltz, Francis Robinson, Frederick Karcher, Thomas Malone, Mable Brown, Sadie Seemueller.

Teachers: Miss Katherine C. Coulter, Miss Lillian Coulter, Harry Arndt, Margaret Hall, Augustine Clare, Bernard Karcher, Helen Hewitt, Elsie Seemueller, Mrs. Sladen.

Honorable mention: William McGregor, Mamie McGroger, John White, Charles Donohue.

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Our Kindergarten room has been greatly improved in appearance by an entire new set of white window curtains, the gift of Miss Ott and her mother. There is a daily attendance of nearly forty little ones. It is a most beneficent work quietly but most effectively carried on by those who give it support. And we trust that those who, in the past years have by their kindness made this work possible, will continue to send their help, and be blessed in their doing.

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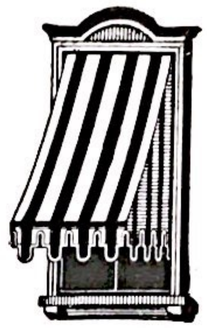
Your attention is called to the envelope system in vogue for the financial support of our Chapel, and we urge all our neighbors not to overlook this important feature of our work. By this method every one of us can find it quite easy to put into the envelope every week a stated amount, no matter how small, and either bring it himself or send it through a child or a neighbor, to be presented as his offering at the service for the glory of God and the good of men. Every one of us should do a little for the common cause. The treasurer, Mr. Barnes, will be glad to furnish these weekly envelopes.

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Read what is said on the first page of this issue. And remember that Bishop Rhinelander will visit our Chapel on Friday evening, November 27, at 8 o'clock, to confirm all those who wish to join hands with us in the good work of the Church. Mr. Sladen would be glad to meet you at the class meeting Sunday at 3.30 P. M., a very convenient hour for all to come, and the Rev. Mr. Arkin will attend these class meetings as often as possible, to meet the candidates. All are welcome, young and old. God loves us all, those who are confirmed and those who are not confirmed. All will be welcome at these meetings. And let us all pray daily that the number of those coming will be large.

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A sum of $500 is needed for the painting of the outside of the Chapel and repairs to the plastering of the inside, including some other improvements. We have set our heart on going forward, and trust that our friends will help us.



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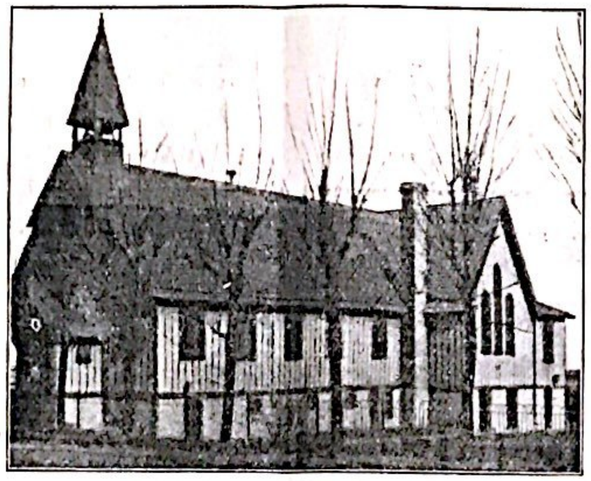
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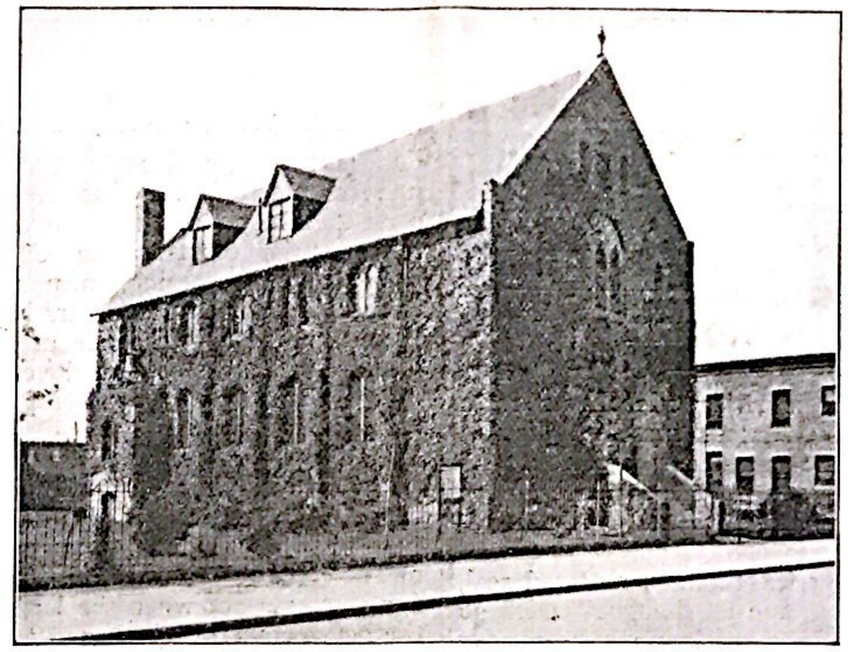
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Advent COMING! It is the hope of every man and woman. It is the hope of the world!

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Rom. xiii:12.) "Let us *therefore,*" yes; for what is there in newness of life if nobody or nothing is COMING? "If we have only hoped in Christ in this life, we are of all men most pitiable." (I Cor., xv:19.)

Our most precious possessions have been wrought in hardship by those who were despised and rejected of men in their days. They were despised and rejected, yet did they persevere in their thankless tasks, for they labored for the COMING. Could prophets and martyrs have done so much for us if they had no ADVENT to look to? Without the idea of Advent would there be, or could there be, any aspirations after virtue or toward greatness of character, wisdom and nobility of soul? Saints, martyrs and prophets of to-day receive their inspiration from Advent. Because the cross-bearing Christ came, and is coming, men and women in their darkest hours have hope, and hope is the life of the world. When we look for the coming of Christ, we look also for the coming of everything that is Christ-like. And Christ will surely come if we look for Him. *Looking* for Him, and not the *knowledge* of the time of his arrival, is the condition of His coming. "Watch, therefore; for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh; whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, watch." (Mk. xiii:35.) What shall His coming profit us if we be sleeping? His presence means nothing to the indifferent. But Christ does come to those who look for Him. He comes to them who are always ready for Him, looking for Him. And He is with them both in joy and in sorrow. Holy Communion brings us very near to Him, and we feel His presence.

Do you see now why the Church makes so much of Advent season, calling upon the people to be more faithful in the attendance of church services that we all may more fittingly welcome Christmas, the joyful day on which Christ was born?

Christmas is a day of joy. It is a joy which springs from Christian faith. It was Christian people that established this festival in memory of the birth of Christ; "who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in the fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross." (Phil. ii:8.) We rejoice, therefore, on this day especially because Christ was born as the Saviour of men and women. Let us, as Christians, give heed that we celebrate this day becomingly. Let us see to it that we be not misunderstood, and that our Christmas have not the semblance of a heathen festival. For Christmas without Christ is a heathen festival. Let us do what we can to fill the Church with men and women on that morning that His house "might be full." And let us come to Holy Communion in response to His command, "This do in remembrance of me."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

We shall have on Christmas day the following services: Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and morning prayer; sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 o'clock. The collection on that day will be devoted to the Christmas Fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the clergy.

At this writing it looks as if our Thanksgiving offering for the Episcopal Hospital will much exceed that of last year, which was $24.01. The correct amount will be reported in our next issue.

Steadily and surely is our Drexel-Biddle Men's Bible Class growing. New men with new zeal and ideas are added to our forces. And it looks as if our aspirations are being realized. "O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men." The suggestion that the men hold also a midweek session on Wednesday evening for evensong and fellowship in the church is an inspiration. Efforts involving self-denial will have to be used in calling upon men to attend these meetings. But little by little intelligent men will see the wisdom and greatness of this movement, and will not only come themselves but will help to bring others also. The first of these meetings will take place Wednesday, December 2, and will continue every Wednesday evening. We pray that this Christian effort may be blessed by Him in whose name it is put forth.

God has blessed St. George's again. On Sunday evening, November 8, Bishop Rhinelander visited this Mission and confirmed a class of 39. This and the two who joined later the confirmation class of 16 (see another page) at the chapel, makes our class here 41, and a grand total of 57 in both St. George's, Richmond and Venango. This is the highest number added to the Church in the history of St. George's by confirmation. Indeed, it is the only source of increase in this neighborhood. We hardly ever receive any members by transfer, though this Mission does transfer members by reason of moving to other parts of the city. Yet our congregation is growing and everything else is growing. We are humbly proud of this last confirmation class. The list is as follows: Alfred Abrahamson, Mr. George Bingham, Mrs. Katherine Bryan, Miss Carrie Busler, Miss Alice

Busler, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Clemens, Mrs. Ellen Coulter, Ralph Coulter, John Chanderline, Vernon Courtright, Earl Campbell, Elizabeth Carrigan, Mrs. Carrie Dougherty, Mary Ella Dougherty, Mr. John Gordon, Philip Holland, Margaret Kirland, Miss Louisa Kunkel, Miss Katherine Kunkel, Miss Frances Lillian Lauer, Fanny Laney, Raymond Millington, Mr. Vincent Millington, Liddie Madden, Mr. James Maxwell, Marion Moffatt, Mr. Frederick G. Marshall, Capt. David L. Matthews, Mr. Robert F. Nixon, Ida May Oehlenhauser, Miss Thora Pedersen, Mrs. Mary J. Rushton, Mrs. Martha Saybolt, Elwood Saybolt, George Scheuerle, Lillian Swift, Mrs. Mary E. Tustin, Edmund Tustin, Mr. Christian Vogt and Ethel Woolsey.

The Bishop spoke on our need as Christian people of being regular in attendance at Holy Communion at least once a month; that the laying on of hands of Scriptural origin, or confirmation, is really the ordination of the people to privileges and duties in the Church of God. And in order that we may use these privileges and perform these duties the better we must seek grace at the Lord's table. It is He who used the words "This do in remembrance of Me."

The Athletic Association was organized with 15 charter members, a company of our young men, on Friday evening, November 13. The object of this association is to promote athletic sports and good fellowship among our young people. Officers were elected as follows: Mr. E. M. Humphreys, University of Pennsylvania, president; Mr. Harry Etsell, vice-president; Mr. Oliver Harrison, secretary; Mr. H. Kaufmann, Treasurer. The association expects to grow in numbers and usefulness. They are to give a minstrel and vaudeville entertainment at the Parish House Friday, December 18, at 8 P. M. Admission, 15 cents. We are sure they will receive the support of our people.

A similar society of juniors was organized under the leadership of Mr. V. C. S. Jones, also of the University of Pennsylvania, following in a measure the activities of the seniors. Elisha Bingham, president; James McGowan, vice-president, and George Scheuerle, secretary-treasurer.

Following the footsteps of our excellent Boy Scouts, Troop No. 60, our younger boys, under 12, organized themselves into a company of St. George's Cadets, November 23. The following officers were elected: Captain, John Gordon; patrol leader, George Logan; assistant patrol leaders, Albert Seifert and Edwin Steinmeyer. They have 18 members and 55 cents in their treasury. It is a delight to see the interest which our Scouts show in the welfare of these boys, giving them help and encouragement. This is a very promising company.

Our Girls' Friendly Society have made a contribution of sleeping garments for little children and cans of milk to the relief ship for the Belgian sufferers. They are to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Church some time after New Year. On November 30 they gave an evening reception to the St. Paul's (Aramingo) and our Chapel (Venango) Branches, and had a delightful time.

The Senior Candidates are working faithfully for our annual fair, December 10-12.

The Juniors are exerting every effort in helping to make our Christmas Cantata, December 29, a great success.

OUR ANNUAL FAIR.

We call on all our people and their friends to co-operate in making this fair, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 10-12, a success. If everybody does a little in whatever capacity, success is assured. Do not wait to be asked. It is your privilege. You are not working for yourself, but you are helping the Church.

It may be of interest to our readers to know that St. George's is also extending its activity outside of its own sphere. There is the Seaman's Mission, on Cambria, below Richmond, not far from here, and under the Rev. Mr. Gasner's supervision and caretaking of Mr. Johnson. St. George's furnishes the organist in the person of Mrs. Bitting, and singing by Mrs. Pearce at the Sunday and Wednesday prayer meetings. Our Bible Class men also visit it now and then to help in the services.

The car barn services Sunday afternoons, inaugurated by St. George's, are being kept up chiefly by St. George's in the person of Mr. Barnes, the organist and choirmaster of the Chapel, Venango.

We are greatly in need of a young woman leader to undertake the task of the Camp Fire Girls' leadership. It is a work corresponding in a measure to the work of the Boy Scouts. It is a noble work for a public-spirited Christian young woman of culture desiring to be of some use in this world. We cannot think that this cry for help will continue in vain. Is there some one who will help?

All our Sunday School teachers and officers of both St. George's are urged to attend our Second District Sunday School Institute, to be held this time at St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario, Thursday, December 17, at 8 P. M. This is a union meeting of our churches and missions of Kensington and Richmond district. Teachers and officers of the Sunday School, please mark the date.

Our Christmas Cantata will take place on Tuesday evening, December 29. Judging from the enthusiasm of the children it is going to be great.

In these hard times through which our people are passing nothing is more hopeful than the kindly spirit shown by the people toward one another. The ready help which our people cheerfully extend one to the other in time of need and affliction passes all praise, and the more so because it is so unconscious, and as a matter of course. When our people help, they give of their living. Giving with them usually means self-denial.

We read in the newspaper "100 organizations in big meeting aim to fight railroad fare rise. Public Service Board to sit at City Hall

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BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
644, Oct. 31, Russell Kern
645, Nov. 5, Mary Jane Rushton
646, " 8, David Landers Matthews
647, " 22, Andrew Jackson Swift
648, " 22, Frederick George Marshall
649, " 23, Hazel Shellem
650, " 25, James Williard Fields

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
270, Oct. 31, Rudolph Benz
271, Nov. 18, Wiliiam H. Shellem
272, " 18, Mary R. Hopkins
273, " 27, Walter McGowan

Baptisms at Chapel

No.
30, Nov 8, Robert Morton Goodman
31, " 8, Thomas Albert Goodman
32, " 8, George Benjamin Charles Karcher
33, " 8, Charles Lawrence Fairbairn

and hear complaints." Ah, how true our Lord's words: "The sons of this world are for their own generation wiser than the sons of light." What would happen in our dear city if the same efforts were made in the direction of curing moral ills?

There is only one test to discover whether an act or manner is right or wrong. The test is the question: "Is it Christian?" There are many acts and manners which are accepted as right in the eyes of the world, justified by some sophistry or another, by an imaginary sense of injury made real by rhetoric; but the real test of a person's conduct is, "Is it Christian?" This is the greatest aid in forming a right judgment of men, their acts and manners.

We read in the newspapers that a man by name Henry A. Bolles received a bequest of $75,000 unexpectedly as a result of an unselfish act done by him twenty-eight years ago. A little girl fell off the yacht of her father, Mr. Trumbull, twenty-eight years ago, and Mr. Bolles saved her from drowning. The father did not forget the deed. Does not this illustrate the truth of the Scripture wisdom recently read in the church services: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." (Eccl. xi:1.) A good deed is never lost. If our sins are "like chickens coming home to roost," our good deeds of helpfulness to others come to us as good friends in time of need.

No, it is not good to force a child to go to Sunday School. You must not force him, but you must lead him. Leading means going before. If Sunday School and Church do not amount to anything, then children should be kept away from them. It is not right for parents to deceive children by permitting them to go to anything worth nothing. It is not doing justice to

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children who are brought into this world without their consent. But if the Church and the Sunday School are of any value then it would seem reasonable that parents saw to it that their children *do* attend Sunday School or the Church, and if they cannot be *forced* to go, it would seem right that they should be *led* to go. We have yet to know of children who would refuse to accompany the parents to Sunday School or the Church. If it is worth while to take children to the store to dress them well, it is even more worth while to take them to the place where they may be taught well. For you cannot change character as you do a suit of clothes.

Will some one make us a gift of a good Victrola for use in our Parish House?

Please send us all the clothes and shoes you can spare for our monthly rummage sale.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

A most remarkable feature in the church life in the dear old Chapel is that those who by reason of business or change of circumstances move away from the neighborhood, they carry away with them a kindly affection for the Chapel, which is shown from time to time by their visits. The Evans family, for instance, is a fair example. Now and then a member of the family comes clear from Frankford to pay homage to the sacred spot where he or she first learned the catechism, or to sing a hymn. Only recently Robert Evans came and sang for the congregation as a well-trained tenor, now in the service of St. Mark's, Frankford. Our congregation was delighted both to see and hear one of their former choir boys, and felt proud of him.

That our Lord yearned for our love for Him as He was about to pour out His life for us, is clearly shown in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which he anxiously instituted that we might observe it in REMEMBRANCE of Him. Read the account of the Last Supper in the Gospels and in the Epistles of St. Paul, and also as it is repeated in our Communion Service on page 235 of our Prayer Book, and see if your heart will not ache with love for Him who has done so much for us. Is it not the least that we can do for Him to conform cheerfully to His will, and assemble together on His day at least once a month in Holy Communion, the most solemn service of prayer and thanksgiving in the Christian Church. Our communion service takes place every first Sunday at 8 in the morning, and it would cheer us all to see all our members present. It affords us a pleasant opportunity of meeting the Rev. Mr. Arkin, our pastor, who officiates at this service faithfully.

We are very much in need of more Sunday School teachers and helpers to substitute in cases when the regular teacher is unavoidably absent. Please speak to Mr. Sladen in offering your help.

Our Hallowe'en party, October 30, was the most enjoyable ever held. The large attendance, good

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cheer, with merriment and sociability made this festival memorable. Moreover, it materially helped to increase the rather small financial balance in the treasury.

Our Thanksgiving service, November 26, was well attended. Liberal donations of provisions were received and attractively displayed at the head of the center aisle. Several baskets were distributed in the neighborhood, and our people have felt the truth of our Lord's saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

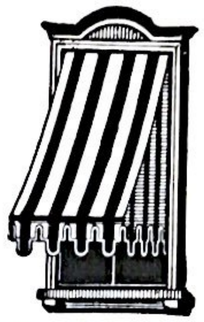
And what shall we say of the Junior Auxiliary party on November 24? The visitors will long remember this most delightful occasion. The following is the testimony of an eye-witness: "These sixteen attractive little people, bright-faced and light-heartedly enjoying the amusements prepared by good Miss Coulter, presented a scene not soon to be forgotten. The members furnished delicious refreshments, beautifully served. We thank God for such an agency for good as this Junior Auxiliary is, and trust His blessing may ever be with these little people and their good leader."

Miss Katherine Abrams, the faithful organist of our school, has volunteered to take charge of the class formerly taught by Miss Sadie Hanson. While we shall miss her much from her accustomed place in the Young Ladies' Bible Class, we are exceedingly pleased that she has taken up her present work in the Sunday School.

The great event of the month, of course, was the Bishop's visit Friday evening, November 27. The offering, $4.85, was larger than last year, notwithstanding the prevailing hard times. The following have been confirmed: Mrs. Tillie Auty, Lillian Abrams, Joseph Barth, Mrs. Sarah Barth, Paul Beck, John Baumann, Josephine Hepp, Frederick Karcher, Elwood Korn, Edith Kerr, Mary McGregor, Margaret Miller, Mrs. Louise Mensing, Minnie Press, Henrietta Ruse, Clara Wentz. This is a splendid class of 16, and two others which are included in the list of the class confirmed in St. George's (Richmond), given on another page. Bishop Rhinelander's sermon was on prayer, and the three salient thoughts which he would have us remember are contained in the words Conversation, Co-operation, Consecration.

There is a fine spirit of co-operation and intense interest in the Chapel among the congregation. The building is kept in cleanliness by our band of women, the men looking after repairs. The Social Club is very useful. Mr. Hanson is looking after the fires and keeps a general oversight of the building. There are many whom we might mention as giving their personal work to the Chapel, but limited space forbids.

There is one other sweet and useful institution in the Chapel that is doing inestimable work, and that is our daily kindergarten, in charge of Miss Ely, during Miss Ott's absence on account of the death of her father. There is none who has endeared herself to the mothers of Venango as Miss Ott, and justly so.



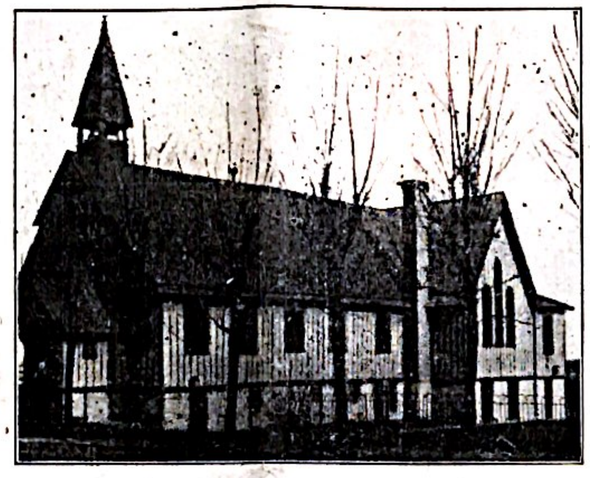
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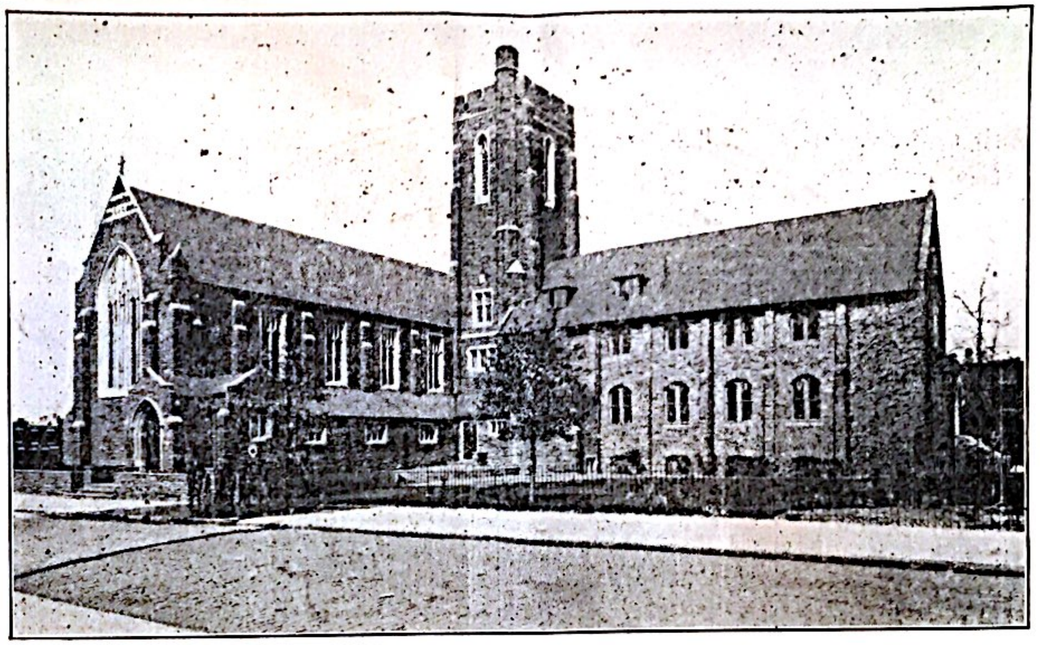
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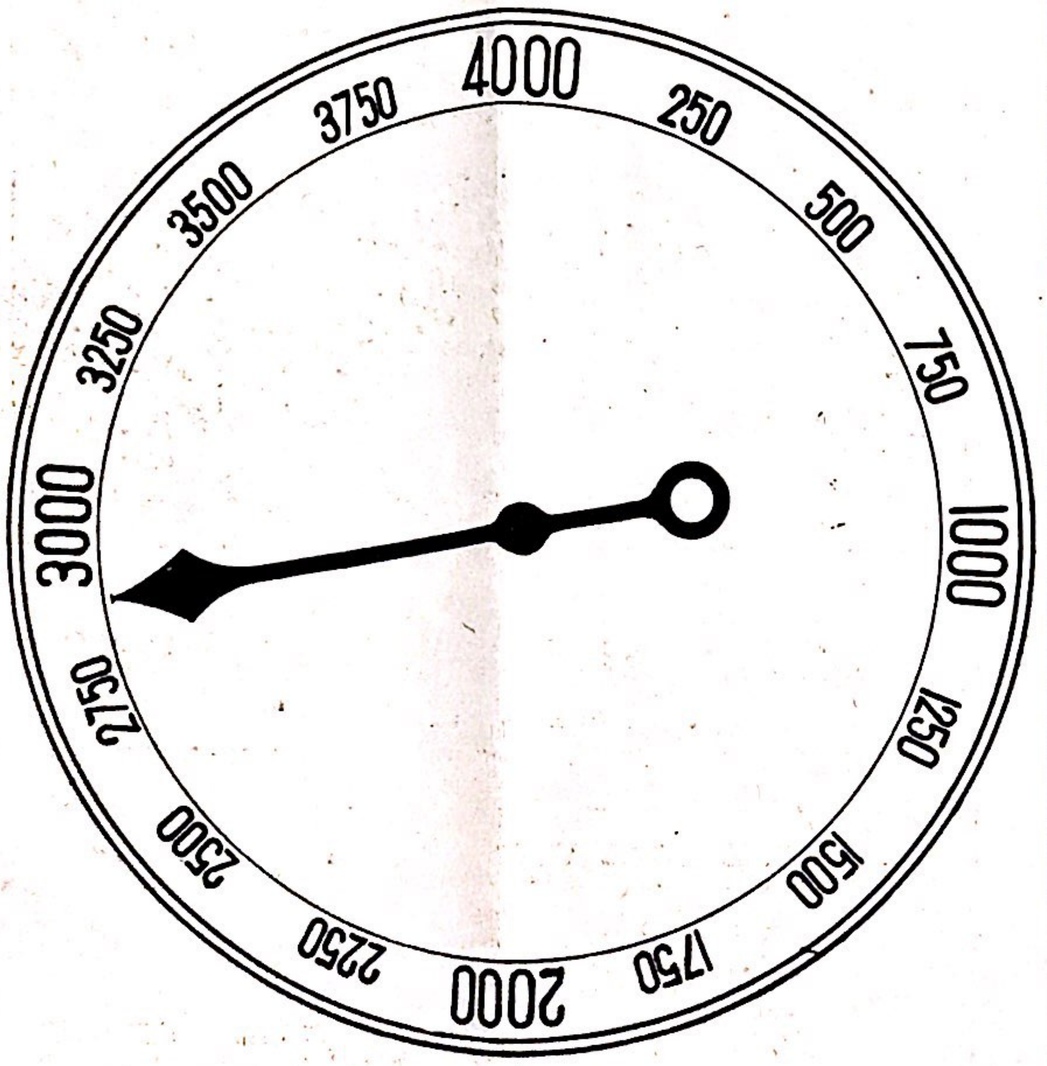
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Miss Mildred Dool	Miss K. Wambach
Mrs F. Frederickson	Miss Ethel Woolsey
Philip Holland	
Miss Jennie Jacobs	



THE CLOCK

On another page of this *Visitor* is shown the reason why the hand of this clock has moved quite visibly. It moves as by magic; but there is only one thing that can move it. It is the good will of the people, good will begotten of love for God and the Church; and love stirred and quickened by the grace of God. When people see the hand of this clock move, they are moved to admiration and praise of the character of St. George's congregation, and are themselves lifted up by the noble example set before them. And is not this worth all that we have given towards the organ fund? Is not this worth all that we can give to it? The organ itself will forever speak in sweetest notes the praise of all those who have and are giving it a place and usefulness in the House of God.

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THE NEW CHURCH

On the Third Sunday, September 21, the doors of our new Church were opened, and divine worship began in this most beautiful House of God. It began with Holy Communion at 8 A. M., and the morning service was held at 10.30 o'clock with administration of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the great day closed with the evening service at 7.30. The pastor officiated at all the services. To his appeal for co-operation the splendid congregation responded most liberally, and about $100 in cash, and over $600 in pledge cards were offered towards making up the deficit of $1700 in the organ fund.

This was not the greatest day in the life of St. George's congregation. This was just an introduction to a greater day. The greater day is coming on Advent Sunday, November 30, when our Bishop will dedicate our new Church and the memorials, and, we trust, the new organ also will be consecrated all to the worship of God; and a large Confirmation Class of men and women and grown-up children will stand up and declare their faith in Christ as the Saviour of the world, and offer themselves in His service as members of St. George's congregation. This will be the greater day to which we all look with joy and hope in our hearts. For this day offers us, as a congregation, the privilege of showing to the world how much we love God by declaring ourselves to be His children. This day will enable us not only to reconsecrate ourselves anew to the service of God and men, but also to show the fruit of our labor in our laudable efforts of bringing others to the same service by the Rite of Confirmation. This is a greater day because on this day men and women and children of the age of discretion will be ready and willing to offer *themselves* to God and His Church even as our Lord Jesus offered Himself for the salvation of mankind. And finally, this is a greater day, because having done our best we shall by the grace of God be led to still greater days, and at last to the greatest day when we shall hear the voice of our Master say to us: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. AMEN."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Perhaps the most important event this month will be the formal opening of the new club room for the use of the Fathers' Meeting and the reception to our honored guest, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle,

on that pleasant occasion. The date is Thursday evening, October 23, at 8.15 o'clock. To this reception we invite all the men of our congregation. Men of St. George's Church, we want you to meet Major Biddle, men's best friend, and we hope to have a rousing meeting on that evening.

The members of the Fathers' Meeting should especially make every effort to get our men out to this meeting. This occasion should be made the beginning of a great awakening among the men of our neighorhood, and especially among the men of St. George's, of the spirit of Christian brotherhood and mutual helpfulness. We owe this not only to ourselves, but also to our families and our children. Co-operative work of the fathers in this line of endeavor is bound to tell most wholesomely on the mothers and children. Let us come and reason together; Thursday evening, October 23, at 8.15 o'clock.

The quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Institute of the Northeast section met at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Thursday evening, September 25. There were about 60 present representing most of the Churches of this section. There should have been 260 present. The meeting was most interesting, and the closing of it was very sweet. It was ice cream and cake. But the sweeter thing still is the marked Christian fellowship growing up among the Sunday School teachers of our section as a result of these quarterly meetings. We all go home strengthened and more determined to cope more courageously with the difficulties of Sunday School work. The Institute unanimously accepted the invitation of St. Gabriel's Mission, Olney, to hold our next meeting there Thursday, December 11th.

The crying need in our Sunday School at this writing is *more teachers* in the Sunday School, and more *faithfulness* in the teachers. The few usually bear the heaviest burden. But it should not be so. There are many in our congregation who could divide the work to be done with their friends and fellows, and make it easier to *be good* for all. If they only would. It is the will that tells. There is no occupation under heaven that contributes to self-development mentally and spiritually more than the earnest work of a Sunday School teacher. But it is not on this ground that I plead with you to take up work in our Sunday School. My plea is *need*, necessity. Will you not heed the cry?

At the opening of our new Church over one hundred of those present chose to turn in pledge cards, promising to pay to the organ fund a definite sum either in monthly or weekly payments. This is an excellent spirt. Now we need just such a spirit on the part of volunteers who would act as visitors to call on those who are ready to give, and to keep a correct record of the same. Those who were not present at the Church and wish to turn in a similar pledge may get the card by asking for it.

Two great opportunities are open to all our women who wish to express their love for God and the Church in doing good work. One is the Women's Auxiliary, which meets on Tuesdays, at 2 P. M., and the other is our Women's Guild, which meets on Thursday, at 2 P. M. Either of these two companies of noble women will be glad to welcome you at their meetings and will be glad to give you something to do for the Church. Make your choice. You will not regret it.

Parents will do well by their children to ascertain what societies of boys and girls meet at our Parish House from time to time, and encourage them to join in the activities of the respective groups. There is a place for every boy and girl of whatsoever age. This do if you love children. You will make no mistake.

Is it not time to think of our annual Hallow'en Party? This year our congregation and their friends should make it the greatest occasion for general merriment. To do this it is well to begin early in the preparation of the program. It should be a fine and joyous program.

Have you ever heard of Pocahontas? Not the Indian princess who saved from death Captain Smith and then married him; but the play which goes by the name of Pocahontas; rather a great and elaborate affair, chock-full of fine and catchy music and stirring dramatic action in Indian costumes with a real Pocahontas in it. Rather a remarkable undertaking; but our young people are equal to the occasion. They can do almost anything when their mind is made up. They do not lack in talent. And they are rehearsing this big play. More definite announcement later.

A most unique show and entertainment will be given in St. George's by the Philadelphia Electric Company, for the benefit of our Organ Fund, Friday, October 17, at eight o'clock sharp. This show will be given under the auspices of our Women's Guild and Auxiliary, and will consist of a variety of features. Motion pictures: "The King of the Rails," a thrilling ride on an electric train through the Rocky Mountains. Another, exceedingly humorous, "A Square Deal for His Wife." How a business man tried his hand at housekeeping, and, well, you will see how he gets enlightened.

In addition to these, valuable suggestions will be presented by slides showing how you can add to your home comforts conveniently. This is naturally a show for adults. Children will be admitted only when accompanied by adults. Do not miss this evening, Friday, October 17, 8 P. M. *sharp*.

The Women's Guild has elected the following officers: Mrs. Robert Moffatt, president; Mrs. Vincent Millington, secretary; Mrs. Alfred Abrahamson, treasurer. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and is glad to welcome visitors and accept applications for membership.

Do you know what is going on

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No.
984, Aug. 31, Charles Welden Butler
985, Sept. 7, Myrtle Mildred Hinke
986, " 7, Harry Jones
987, " 14, Florence Pendenda Fisher
988, " 14, Mildred Anna Davidson
989, " 21, Doris Ethel Dames
990, " 28, Henry Roland Blessing

MARRIAGES

No.
169, Sept. 20, { Ottorino Senese / Maria Pasciolla
170, Sept. 30, { Harry C. Jones / Huldah M. Ayers

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
123, Sept. 18, Mabel Lillian Neal
124, " 21, Richard N. Benzenhafer
125, " 21, Annie May Nelson
126, " 21, Albert Abraham Snyder

MARRIAGE

No.
9, Sept. 17, { Charles C. Seemuller / Edna Read

BURIALS

No.
19, Sept. 19, Mabel L. Neal

in St. George's Church? You should know it. You will like it better if you know it. Suppose we begin with Monday. At 3.30 P. M. little school girls come flocking to their sewing society. At 7.30 the Girls' Friendly Society meets; and at 8 the Senior Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has its meeting. Tuesday at 2 in the afternoon the Women's Auxiliary meets. At 7 P. M. the Italian choir, and at 8 the American choir; and the Boy Cadets in the basement at 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening the Junior Auxiliary or the candidates of the G. F. S. meet from 7 to 9, followed by the basketball team in training. Thursday the Woman's Guild meets at 2 P. M., the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew at 8, and the Fathers' meeting the same hour. Friday evening the Boy Scouts and the young men generally in the basement. Saturday evenings basketball games. Every day from 9 to 3.30, except Saturday, there is regular school in the basement of sixty some Polish children under trained teachers. Add to this special meetings, rehearsals for entertainments, and the entertainments themselves. Sunday morning the Italian people worship at 9 A. M. In another room at 9.30 or 10, the Polish people hold their morning service, and in the evening at 7.30 their vespers.

Our services on Sunday are at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., the third Sunday in the month also at 8 A. M. Sunday School at 2 P. M., and the Sacrament of Baptism at 3 P. M., or by special arrangement. We have Holy Communion the first Sunday at 10.30 A. M., and the third Sunday at 8 A. M.

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At present we have every Wednesday evening at 7.30, Confirmation Class meetings till November 30th. I should like to have as many as can come to these meetings to learn more of Christ, of the Bible and of the Church. Is not St. George's Church an opportunity for you to do a little for Christ and His Church?

If this ever catches your eye please remember that we have Rummage sales every first Wednesday in the month, and send us what you can spare in the way of partly worn clothing, etc., for without these we cannot continue these much-desired rummage sales.

ORGAN FUND

Reported in September issue, on hand, $2635.61. Received since: From Mrs. Julia R. Douglas, $5; Mrs. B. Leipert, $3; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thulstrup, $10; Mrs. S. Myers and Mrs. A. McGowan, $14; Joseph Cook, $10; Joseph R. Snodgrass, $5; Mrs. Joseph Snodgrass, $5; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Peckworth, $5; Miss Mary E. Dever, $5; (in memory of mother, Anna W. Dever), $5; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Greenwald, $5; Miss Edith Didrickson, $3; James W. Birney (in memory of beloved wife), $10; Miss Cowan, $1; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Haynes, $5; Richard Lang, $2; Mrs. George Annesley, $5; Miss Sarah Wittemberger, $5; R. Robinson, $2; Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, $2; Mrs. Charles Parker, $3; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cotterill, $2; Mrs. F. W. Anderson, $5; Miss Olive Brown, $5; Miss Jennie Nuttall, $5; Mrs. E. Kern and mother, $5; Ralph Harvey, 50c; Mrs. Florence Blohsfield, $1.75; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arndt, $5; Benj. Pogson, $1; Nelson Pogson, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. James McGowan, $25; Mrs. Anna Walton, $2; Mrs. Ira Flickinger, $1; Samuel Howe, 50c; Walter Saybolt, $6; Mrs. Jane Mycock, $5; Miss Mary Brown, $1; Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ralston, $1; Miss Kathryn McKinley, $2; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stoltz, $5; "A Friend," $5; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vanderslice, $1; Mrs. E. Clemens, $1. Total on hand, $2831.86. It is wonderful how much deep and lasting satisfaction one can treasure up for future years for himself and others by giving up a few dollars to get the great organ for the Church. It really amounts to this. Everybody who contributes towards the organ fund buys for himself a $4500 organ to which he can listen with edification every time he comes to Church, and goes away pleased that he has done the right thing.

The beginning of the light and heat fund for this year's work: Received from Capt. David Matthews, $2; Mrs. Wm. Veit, $1. Total on hand, $3.

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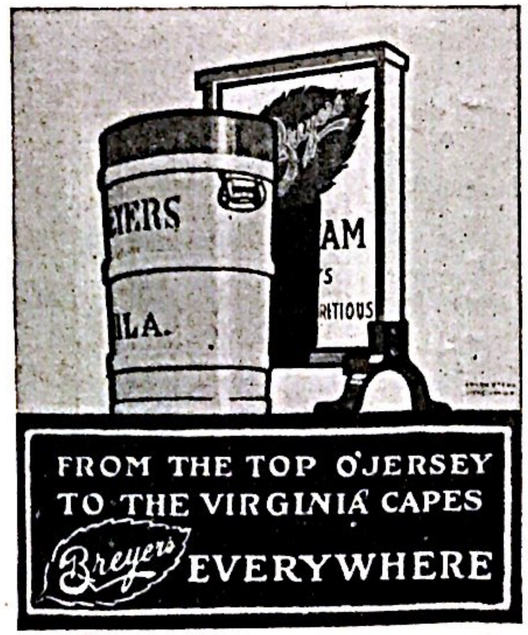
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ness. All this is contained in the word REVERENCE. Standing, kneeling, sitting: all these have their proper places in worship. Reverence is our guide in these three.

This Prayer is recommended to you to be used often for the next three months.

"Our Father, I thank Thee for our new Church, the house which we may call thine and in which we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Multiply this Thy blessing upon us by stirring up the wills of Thy faithful people that they may serve Thee faithfully to the glory of Thy name and the good of all people; and to this end may our congregation grow both in numbers and in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

Friend, I have nothing to bribe you with to come to Church. I do not promise you enjoyment, but I offer you a place of worship, a decent place, a respectable place, in which to worship God, to hear the Bible read and expounded, to join the people in common prayer, and to sing praises to the Father of us all, and to glorify His name before all the world.

I care not to hear your reasons for staying away. They do not ring true; and I will not tempt you to self deception.

If you believe in the Apostles' Creed, the faith of the New Testament; If you believe in the Ten Commandments; the Lord's Prayer; the sacraments of Baptism and of Holy Communion, you will find it very easy and very convenient to take your place in the House of God every Sunday, and nothing but sickness or death could keep you from its services. No sophistry could keep you from the Rite of Confirmation; and no outworn prejudices could blind your eyes to the facts as they are in the Bible, that the Church's use of Confirmation is in perfect accord with the time honored custom of Apostolic times, from the very beginning of the Christian Church.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Confirmation talks are held in the Chapel every Friday at 4.30. All who are interested in this subject are cordially invited. If you are not interested in Confirmation you ought to be as soon as possible, for Confirmation becomes every Christion man, woman and child. The Bishop is coming for Confirmation, November 30th, which is your opportunity and privilege. Think upon this subject prayerfully.

The women of the Chapel have contributed to the Women's United Offering $20.42, which will be formally presented at the service to be held in St. Mary's Church, Broad and South streets, Thursday, October 9th, at 10.30 A. M., by the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to which all women are invited.

The people of Venango witnessed a most beautiful wedding ceremony in the Chapel on the afternoon of September 17, when Mr. Charles C. Seemuller and Miss Edna Read were married by the Rev. A. J. Arkin. These young people have grown up in the Chapel and have known each other since early childhood, and what is most laudable and reassuring, they have always found pleasure in the various activities of the Chapel. They have, therefore, hearty good wishes of both the congregation, Sunday School and the whole neighborhood.

"The Bible and Its Promises of Eternal Life," was the text of the address by Dr. Chas. F. Sladen, who conducted the morning service, September 28, in the absence of his father, Mr. George E. Sladen. The service was very helpful.

The Boy Scout Troop soon to be registered in the ranks of the great movement meets on Friday evenings. When the troop is properly conducted, it is true, as it has been truly said: "This movement stands for the highest spiritual ideals carried out in a most practical way, and which holds the interest of the young men." We wish the Chapel Troop success and victory.

The Chapel Daily Kindergarten opened with 32 members. Every year there is a group of children graduating from our Kindergarten into the Public School. This year 30 little ones having reached the age of six entered the Public School with honors. Our Kindergarten graduates are well known to the teachers and principal of the Public School as highly distinguished pupils, and are very much welcomed by all. The usual enrolment of our Kindergarten is over 50 yearly. We trust that the people of Venango, and friends elsewhere, will co-operate with the pastor, and also Miss Ott, the excellent teacher of the Kindergarten, in the financial support of this most laudable and necessary community work.

How about the Young People's Social? When does it have its opening evening? We wonder how the weekly envelope system is working out for the Chapel? Are the services in the Chapel attended as well as they should be? Let us think of these things prayerfully.

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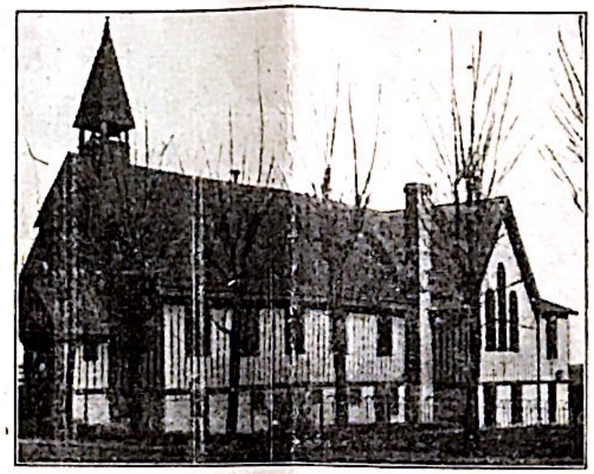
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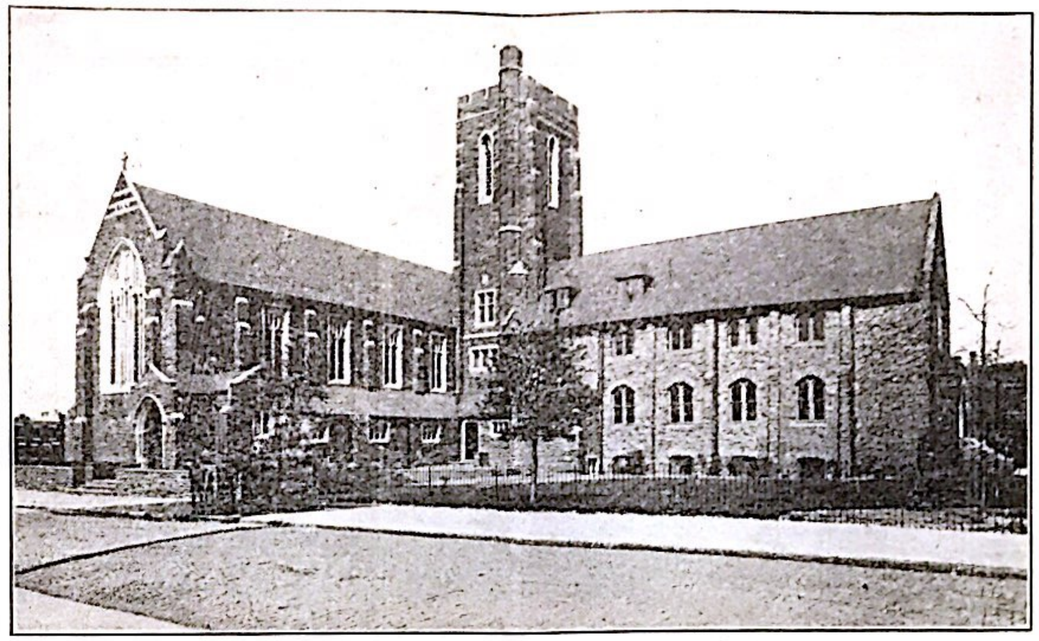
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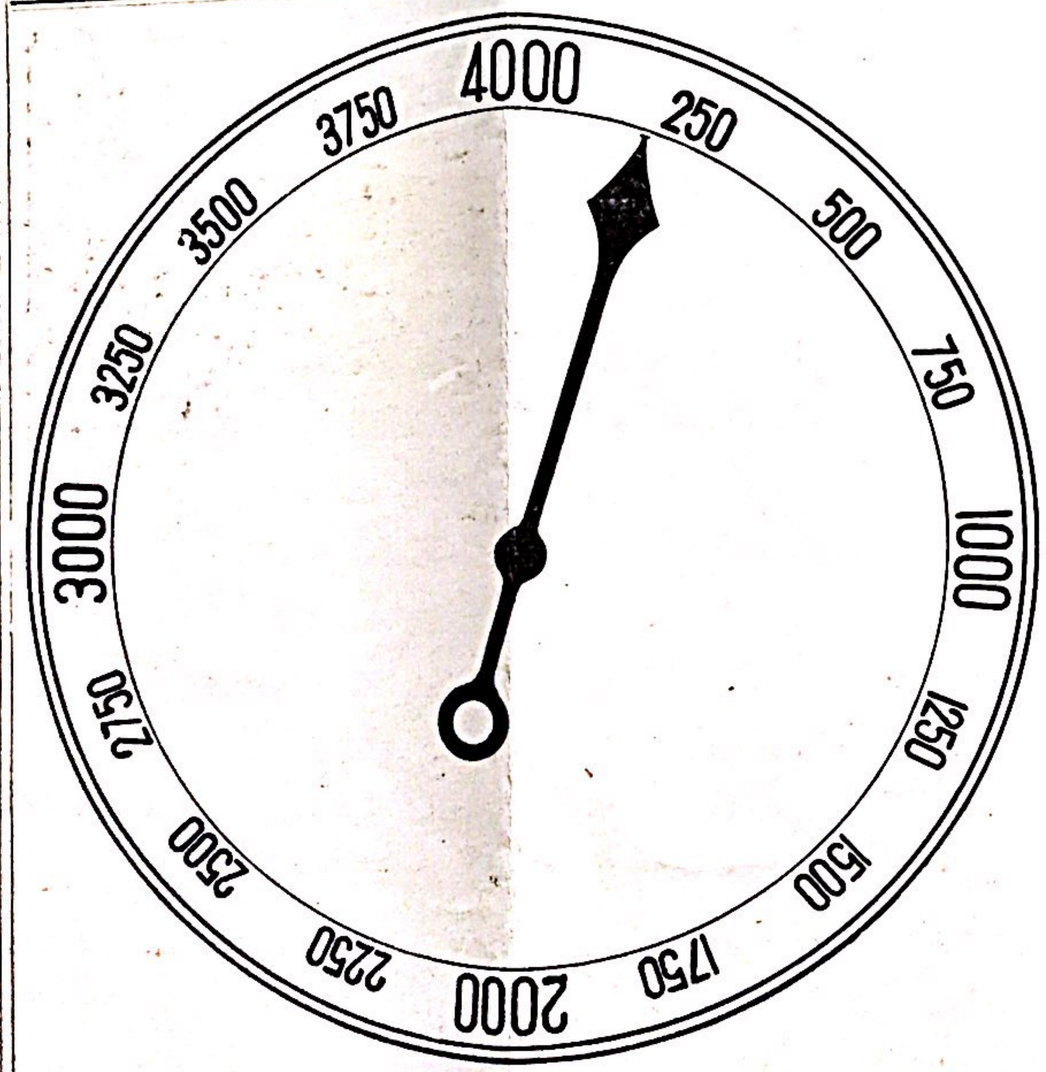
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OVER THE TOP

Hurrah! We have reached the top, and we are over it! Let us all thank God and congratulate one another upon this great and pleasant victory. Not one of us who helped to reach the top suffered; but every one of us who helped to reach the top is rejoicing and glad thereof; and this joy will live forever. We did the right thing. As true victors we did not stop to rest at the top, but we went right over it, for mighty good reason; for the organ when completed will cost at least $4500. So much the greater joy, and so much the greater credit to those who have helped, and are going to help. See, we have passed the $4000 mark, and are coming nearer to the $4500 mark. And by the grace of God and our good will, we shall get there.

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OVER THE TOP

Everything is over the top in St. George's Mission just now. We have been looking forward with much expectation to Advent Sunday, November 30, and when it came it brought with it more good and more joy to all than any of us expected. In saying this I do not minimize some disappointments which in the nature of things due wholly to the unsettled conditions of our times were unavoidable; such as the incompletion of the organ and some other things left unfinished, which can easily be done at leisure now. But though the organ was not wholly finished, the part of it which did speak at our morning and evening services spoke so sweetly and gloriously, and reassuringly of the near future that we forgot our disappointment. Disappointment was swallowed up in praise and worship of God and in the beauty of holiness.

The congregation was larger than the seating capacity of the Church, exceeding 500 people, almost wholly of our neighborhood. And when the Priest in Charge, at the opening of the service, called on the people to promise him in the presence of God and of one another their loyalty and co-operation in the future work of this Church the whole congregation rose, and each individually pledged solemnly to do the best in personal service and financial support to further the great work of this Church. Bishop Rhinelander then prayed for the help of God that the people keep faithful to their promise.

The rite of Confirmation was then administered by the Bishop to 43 candidates, a list of whose names is given on another page.

Then the Bishop preached, taking for his text the words of St. John the Baptist, which is the bugle call of Advent season, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." God is always near, always bending over His people. Men will reach Him, not by continuing in selfish life, but by a change of heart; by changing their mode of life, making helpfulness, by prayer and service, the sole motive of action.

Then followed the dedication of the Church and furnishings to the worship of God, namely, the church building, altar and sacred vessels, the baptismal font and the lectern and pulpit. Also the following gifts: The organ, the gift of the congregation and their friends, among whose contributions are many memorial gifts dedicated to the memory of departed relatives and friends; a beautifully bound Bible for the lectern, the gift of Miss Saunders' Class; an alms basin, the gift of Mr. Harvey McCourt; most beautiful altar cloths, the gift of Miss M. J. Sheets, and the cover for the baptismal font, the gift of our little children of the Primary Department. God bless them all.

The following memorials were dedicated A dossal for the altar,

the gift of a dear friend, and made by Miss H. O. Morison; altar vases, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Findlater Thompson, in memory of their boy Douglas; a bread box for the altar, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bond in memory of their boy Lewis; an urn for the baptismal font, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauder, in memory of their boy Henry, and two hymn boards, given by Mrs. Alfred Abrahamson and Mrs. William Schwendemann, in memory of their husbands. All to the glory of God.

The sacrament of Holy Communion followed the prayers of the dedication service.

Mrs. Ralph H. North addressed all the departments of our Sunday School in the afternoon, and it was a treat to listen to her.

At the evening service, which was well attended, Mr. Samuel F. Houston addressed the congregation in telling words on the meaning and object of the Nation-Wide Campaign. There was an admission service of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew. After the service a short meeting was held by the volunteer canvassers for December 7, under the chairmanship of Mr. Harvey McCourt.

May the blessing of God rest upon the labors of our people, and may the people rejoice in the fruits thereof. All has been done well. All, we pray, will be done well. Amen.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Perhaps the most interesting event of late happened Monday evening, December 1st. There is no brighter spot in a man's life than that which I experienced on that evening. This cannot be described any more than a rainbow can be painted. One can feel it, but never tell.

It was the surprise party given by the congregation to me on my eighteenth anniversary in this Mission. Everybody was in the conspiracy, pledged to secrecy, except myself. And the Girls' Friendly Society sweetly and cunningly camouflaged the whole thing by feigning a little surprise party of their own, to avoid all suspicion. They called me up to their meeting and asked me to address them on my eighteenth anniversary, and then presented me with a most beautiful big basket of delicious fruit. This was kindness and graciousness enough, I thought, to last a man a lifetime. Little did I think of what was awaiting me soon. A deputation appeared suddenly, summoning me to the basement. I thought something was wrong with the heater or the electric plant or with the boys. But when I opened the door I found the basement decorated, and a large company of our dear people standing shoulder to shoulder in a large ring, singing "Blest be the tie that binds." I was ushered up to the front, and when the heart-gripping hymn was sung, closing with a sweet "Amen," Mr. and Mrs. James McGowan, the oldest members of our Mission present, led in congratulating me on my completion of eighteen years of faithful service. I stood and shook hands with

every one present as never before, as each filed by, and I thought I was in heaven. But this was not all, though it might well have been all. Our people, when their hearts move, they must do something. So Mr. McGowan, in a few brief and telling words, presented me with $152, the gift of the people, the beginning of a fund to be added to later, for the purchase of an automobile to enable me to cover the ground with less physical labor and more facility in the future growing work of the parish.

Need I add anything more? I do not, if you, dear reader, have feelings and imagination. I may say, however, that that night I slept the sleep of the just.

The following were confirmed on Sunday morning, November 30: Ella Arndt, Charlotte E Atwood, Florence W. Bierman, Harriet I. Clews, Florence Clews, Doris E. Clay, William Davidson, Marie P. Dames, Jane Devere, Raymond B. Flickinger, Charles B. Franklin, Marion T. Gannon, Emma A. Gillies, John H. Griffith, Karin L. M. Gustafson, John L. Hayes, Thomas W. Honeyford, Anna S. Kringe, Madeline M. Layer, Sarah M. McCoach, Nellie Miller, George Francis Miller, Lillian M. Matthews, Frances Maxwell, Harry Mehaffey, John Mullin, Emma Neider, Helen E. Nusslein, Florence E. Olnhausen, Della Pedersen, Beatrice Pedersen, John R. Pogson, Karl O. Shore, Anna May Shore, Edna Stoltz, Leonard H. Swift, May R. Weber, Ruth Weber, William F. Weber, Albert L. Weber, William Wurst, Paul Wurst and John J. Wambach. They have the best wishes of all our people, and our prayers are that God will sustain them in their resolution to live up, by God's help, to their baptismal vows.

THE ORGAN FUND

Reported in the November issue, $3,619.07. Received since: From Mrs. Geo. R. VanDusen $10, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weston $5, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bond $2, Women's Guild and Auxiliary $1.80, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Dames $10, Miss Ruth Weber $4, Mrs. W. B. Chamberlin $10, Mrs. Thomas McKinley $2, Mrs. J. Feidler $1, Miss Anna Douherty 50c., Samuel Howe $2, Miss Elenor Rohrbach $1, Miss Kathyrn McKinley $2, Miss Ira Flickinger $6, Miss Elizabeth Johnston $10, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lang $2, Mrs. Aaron Nicholls $5, Miss Ann G. Vautier $3, Miss E. Josephine Brazier $25, Wm. J. Schilling $2, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vanderslice $5, Mrs. Florence Blohsfield $1.25, Mrs. Joseph Keyser $1, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rosewarne $8, Mrs. Wm. Sing $1, Mrs. J. Vaughn Merrick $5, Lillian and Charles Smith (in memory of grandfather, Thomas Davis) $1, interest on Liberty Bond $2.16, Miss Mary Coles $20, Mrs. Wm. White (in memory of my mother) $5, Mrs. W. Davis $6, Anonymous 25c., Mrs. J. Rushton $2, John J. Ralston (in memory of mother, Mrs. Thomas Ralston) $5, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Marshall $6, Miss Jennetta Walter $1, Mrs. Thomas

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BAPTISMS

No.
993, Nov. 16, Lillian May Matthews
994, " 16, Avila DaBoin Matthews
995, " 16, Adam Rose Swift
996, " 16, Violet May Madden
997, " 23, Regina Elizhbeth Ruppert
998, " 23, Evelyn Myrtle Martin
999, " 23, John Willard Mullineaux

MARRIAGE

No.
171, Nov. 26 { Richard T. Sailor / Kathryn E. McGowan

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
450, Nov. 5, John W. Boyce
451, " 7, Agnes Pogson

Moffett $2, Mrs. Gottlieb Press $2, Miss Mary Douherty $2, Miss Mary Brown $1, house party of Mrs. Jas. McGowan $25, Walter Poe $2.50, Miss Mildred Dool $1, Mrs. Pierre Clews 50c., Mr. and Mrs. John Bingham $10, Mrs. R. M. Brinton $10, Mrs. I. V. James $1, block party $1.50, Walter Bibbs (in memory of Leonard Bibbs, who died in France, April 28, 1918) $5, Mrs. Walter Bibbs (in memory of Ernest Canning, died in France, October 5, 1918) $5, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar G. Walter $5, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marquess $1, James Gardner Hall $5, Miss Mary Bingham $2.50, Miss Sadie P. Bingham $2.50, Wm. Potter 50c., Mrs. Potter 50c., Mrs. Jos. Neider $5, Mrs. H. Robins $2, Miss Emily W. Biddle $10, Mrs. Arthur E. Newbold $50, Mrs. Harry Layer $2.50, Mrs. Bernard Oehme 50c., Charles Davidson $2, Mrs. Christopher Saybolt $5, Mrs. Robert Moffatt (in memory of Julia M. Chenot) $5, "A Friend" (by Mrs. L. Bond) $5, Miss Florence Saxton $1, Miss Margaret Russell $5, Anonymous $1, Robert F. Nixon $5, Miss Thelma Churchley $1, Miss Madge Churchley $1, Miss Lottie Churchley $1, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pedersen $5, Mrs. Eugene Kirchner $1, John G. Keebler, Jr., $5, Miss M. Jean Mackay $5, John B Taylor 50c, Mrs. James Cheston, Jr., $5, Mr. and Mrs. I. Jacobs $2, W. T. Griffith $10, Mrs. S. L. Gallagher $5, "A Gift in Honor of Mr. Arkin by Friends,, $100, Diocesan Committee $5, Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, Jr., $5, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Elwell $5, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wurst $2, Miss Sarah B. Chamberlin $1, interest on deposit $40, Mrs. George J. Graff $10, Mrs. Carl Seifert $1.50, George Talley $1, Anonymous 25c., Same 10c., Elmer David Kern $1, Miss Ethel Foster $1, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dittes $5, Mrs. Ralph H. North $10, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brown $5, Mrs. Wm. Corriston $1, Mrs. John Didrickson $2, Rose Marie Seitter $1. Total on hand, $4,215.88. As explained before, the organ will cost $4,500. This we did not expect in

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the beginning; but we shall have the value of this increase. Is not this whole thing a wonderful achievement, a source of delight and joy to all participants?

We are glad that we are able to open the doors wide to the Kensington Girls' Community Club with a listed membership of about 260 young ladies. They meet here every Monday evening, and are using every room in the Parish House available. Their main work is in our Sunday School hall, on the first floor, which, having the new Church building, is now devoted to social service work.

Among the activities of this most promising community club are chorus work, folk dancing, orgnized games, dressmaking, dramatics, millinery and cooking.

To help along this and similar work in this Parish House we need badly an upright piano for this hall. Can some friend spare us such a piano?

This Girls' Club is under the supervision of the Community Service, 1518 Walnut street. The girls are planning to put up a large community Christmas tree in this neighborhood for the edification and joy of the people.

The officers of the club are as follows Miss Blanche Whinney, President; Miss Hattie McCallaum, Vice-President; Miss Addie Mills, Secretary, and Miss Edna Walker, Treasurer.

We heartily commend this great movement to the attention of our people, especially to the girls of the neighborhood.

Another addition to the activities of the Parish House is our Young Men's Athletic Association of 20 members. It meets every Friday evening. Wm. McKinley is president, and Vincent Brown secretary and treasurer. The object is to develop healthy bodily exercise without neglecting the spiritual. This organization is most promising in gaining for itself the respect of the neighborhood.

We also ought to mention in passing the remarkable progress our basketball teams are making towards the forefront.

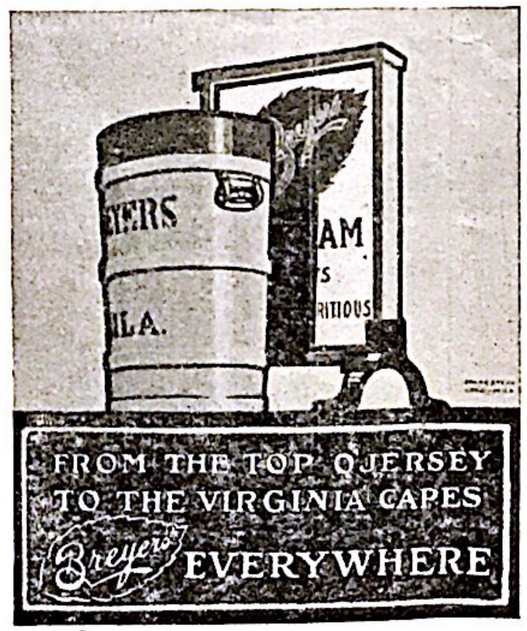
At the admission service of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter on Sunday evening, November 30th, the following candidates were admitted to full membership: Charles Kirchner, John Mullin, Karl Shore and John Wambach. The following renewed their vows: Chas. Saybolt, Chas. Davidson, Chas. Tustin, John Coulter, Harry Galbraith, William Davidson, Samuel Woodworth and William Gardner. These are a most promising lot of what is best in American citizenship. We trust they will hold to their vows.

The following attended as delegates from our Sunday School at the supper and conference held recently in St. Luke's Church, Kensington, and came back with enthusiasm and praise of the conference: Anna and Regina Kringe, Florence Clews, Mildred Rooney, Phyllis Churchley, John Griffith, Charles Saybolt, Charles Davidson, John Mullin, Karl Shore and

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Mr. Halftan Pedersen, their chairman. They all thought that such conferences should be held often for the good of our Sunday Schools.

Our Sunday School teachers and officers should take notice that the next Sunday School Teachers' Institute will meet Thursday evening, December 11, at St. Gabriel's Mission, Front and Boulevard, Olney. Let us make it a duty as well as a pleasure to attend this meeting.

Our time-honored Christmas Festival by our Sunday School children will be held on the first floor of the Parish House, Tuesday evening, December 30th. Encourage the children to give their talents in the participation of this grand festival.

On Thursday evening, November 20, our Fathers' Meeting was in a body solemnly received or initiated, according to the ritual adopted by the Fathers. The rite of initiation was conducted by the Rev. George S. Gassner, author of the ritual. It was really a solemn occasion and very impressive.

Eight new members were added to the Fathers' Meeting lately. There is no lodge or club or any gathering of men which can be used by men for the good of their families and neighborhood as can the Fathers' Meeting. And no woman should rest until the man she loves joins the Fathers' Meeting.

At the request of the Government, we place before you the following for consideration: "For age and want save while you may. No morning sun lasts a whole day."

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Teach economy. That is one of the first and highest virtues. It begins with saving money.—Abraham Lincoln.

Do not begin your economy on the Church, for our Lord Jesus says: It is more blessed to give than to receive. Those who do not squander their substance on folly will find the highest economy in the true statement of our Lord. To keep a dollar from the Church that you may spend two dollars on pleasure is the height of folly.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Our Confirmation service this year will be on Wednesday evening, December 17th, at 8 o'clock. Bishop Garland will visit us on that evening. Here is an opportunity for every Christian man and woman not yet confirmed to come forward and bear witness to the rightness of faith in Christ and in His Church. Let us remember also that what is right is right now, and should not be left to tomorrow or to some one else. Consider the words of our Lord Jesus: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father which is in heaven; but whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

At the last meeting of the Chapel Guild a resolution of condolence was passed expressing to Mr. Benjamin Pogson the heartfelt sympathy of the congregation in his affliction upon the loss of his wife, who died in sickness November 3rd, after having suffered a long and painful illness with wonderful patience and faith in God. She is resting in peace.

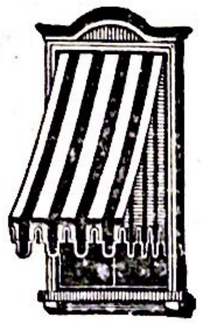
The Guild also decided to hold a bazaar on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, December 19-20. Donations are hereby solicited, and will be thankfully received by any of the Committee: Mrs. Saxe, Mrs. Oechsle, Mrs. Karcher and Mrs. Seemuller. Admission, 10c. at the door.

The offering of our Thanksgiving service, which was quite well attended, was $5.75. This was sent towards the support of the Episcopal Hospital in the usual way.

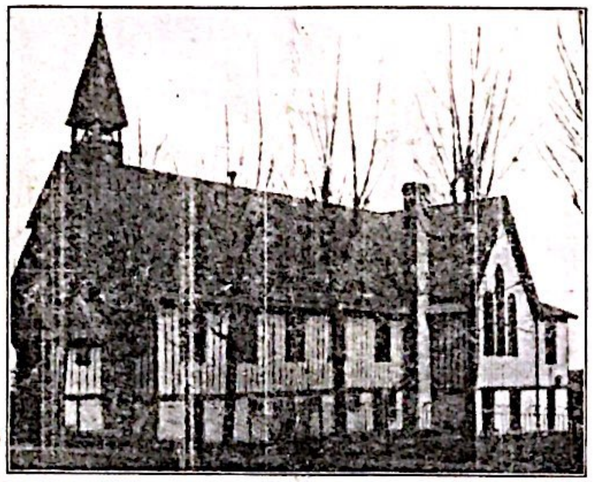
Our Sunday School is getting ready for the carol service to be held on Sunday, the 28th, which is also Holy Innocents' Day. The parents are urged to be present at this joyous children's service. The hour of this service is 2.30 P. M.

Our Boy Scouts, heretofore on probation, have received their troop number, which is 38. It meets every Friday evening, and its membership is 22. It is a splendid troop.

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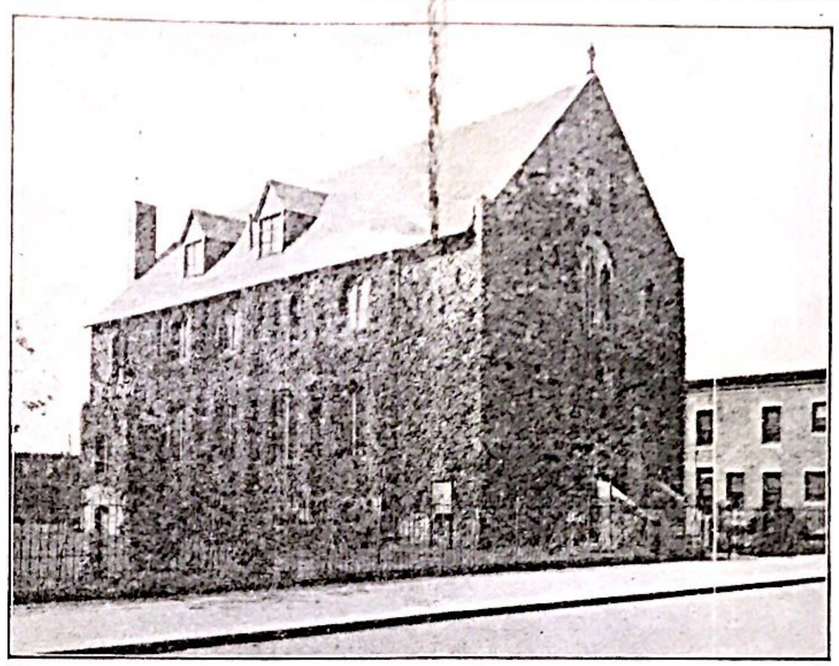
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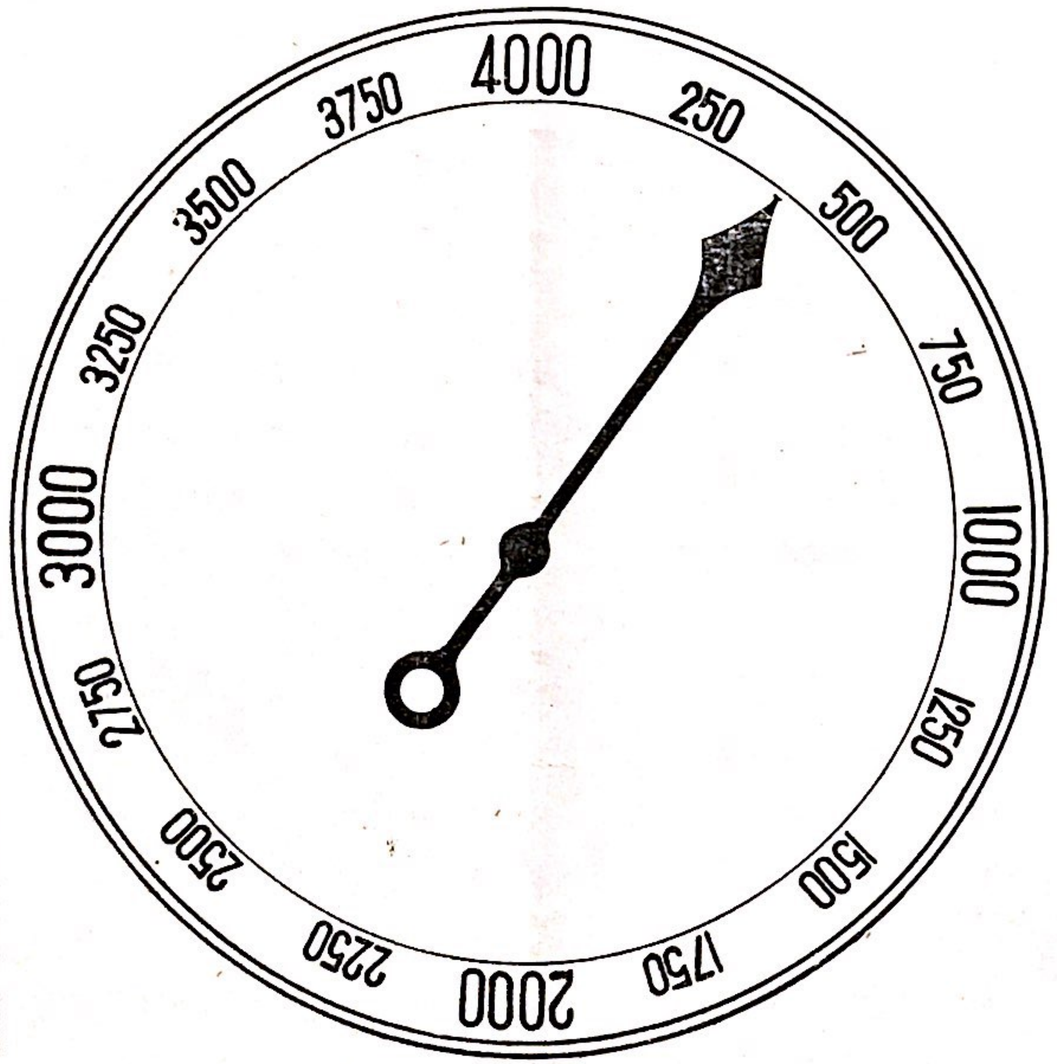
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LOOK UP

Be not mistaken. This time when you read the figures on the clock, as the hand points, add AND to them. For example; 4000 *and*. This is the way we do in St. George's Mission. Everybody knows that when you start out nowadays to build anything for a stated amount there is always an *and* to it. Please mark the spelling of *and*. And the finest thing of it all is that our people are not caught napping, but are practically providing for the *and* also, so that instead of paying interest on a mortgage, we draw interest on the money in the bank. Our organ when finished will cost a little more than $4,500; but the hand shows that we have nearly got it. One more pull, and it is ours forever. Thank God.

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FRIENDS:

God has given us another year. A better Christmas present from God we cannot wish for. It is the best we could desire. Because it is left to us to make it as big and as rich as we choose. The new year is choke-full of opportunities. God gives them to us freely and smiles upon us. By His grace they are ours. Shall we not receive them in the same spirit as they are given? Shall we not use them; and use them properly? For as we use them so will our lives be this new year, rich with joy for the present and hope for the future, or poor in both.

It was a most solemn occasion, and one of the happiest moments in my life, when you, who have filled the Church on Advent Sunday morning, rose to a man, and in the presence of God and of one another pledged your loyalty and service, to the best of your ability, in any worthy enterprise to be undertaken through the Church for common welfare. I have not forgotten this earnest display of goodwill on the part of every one present, and I shall never forget it; because it was a manifestation of the Spirit of God within you. It was a joyful moment when we were all at our best. "God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Father." And we all felt the thrill of Christian brotherhood.

You remember how our Bishop prayed, while you all stood, that God may bless your steadfast resolution to keep your solemn promise to the best of your ability. Would it be expecting too much that you keep this promise so nobly made? Who knows if this new year is not the gift from God to enable us to fulfill this very promise made in good faith?

You promised loyalty and service in everything which is conducive to common welfare. Here is one thing which everybody can do. And let this be the starting point in fulfilling your promise.

Raise the value of Church attendance on the Lord's Day both by precept and example. Place it on the very top of your list of engagements. Give it prime importance. It can be done. It is being done by well-meaning Christians, This coming together on the first day of the week, to sing praises to God, to listen to His Word and hear it explained, and to pray for our daily and common needs, will be to you an open door unto a large variety of ways, now unseen, some of which may point out to you your place in the service for common welfare.

Let our Lord Jesus Christ be your Guide and Master, and the Church your opportunity to do His will. In this alone you will have almost fulfilled your solemn promise to your own heart's joy.

Is this too much to expect from you through the coming year?

I am very grateful for the many beautiful cards of Christmas and

New Year's greetings which came to me from friends, and I wish hereby to express my deep appreciation of your esteem and friendship. A. J. ARKIN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Nation-Wide Campaign in this Mission was exceedingly successful. With 40 homes still to be visited the number of new subscribers towards the support of the Church is 75; making the total number of those using the Duplex envelopes 425. When the canvass is complete we may expect the number to grow to 450. Several old subscribers have increased their contributions. This is very gratifying since it indicates plainly the growing interest of our people in the welfare of the Church and their love for it. With this goes also a growing desire for personal service which is most precious in the eyes of God and men. Our people believe in a square deal when the matter is laid fairly before them. This is a good New Year's beginning.

The Duplex envelope system is the fairest and most convenient means of Church support. The work of the Church is effective in the life of the community in proportion to the support of the people. Their belief in it is attested by the honest support they give it, just as non-support is the evidence of unbelief.

For general information it may be well to state here the workings of the Weekly Envelope system: Every subscriber's name is written in the Treasurer's book opposite the number of his envelope; and the contents of each envelope is credited to the subscriber on the date it is received. The Treasurer by turning to his book can tell at any time how much he is in arrears. The subscriber, on the other hand, can also tell the same thing by the number of envelopes he has sent in, and the number of envelopes he has on hand, since every envelope bears the date of each Sunday to which it is devoted.

It is best to put in your offering every week, if possible. It is easiest and most convenient both for the Church and the subscriber, even if you cannot come to Church every Sunday, for you to lay aside your offering week by week.

Remember that your offering is voluntary, a free-will offering for a good purpose. And should you, God forbid, become unable to give to the Church, just inform the Treasurer to discontinue sending you envelopes. But please do not take any envelopes if you do not intend to use them. For this causes unnecessary bookkeeping, and the records show a growing amount of withheld offerings against you which is not to the liking of anybody.

Remember also, that you are asked only to do for the Church within your means, and no more.

Sometimes an error may creep into the bookkeeping. In this case your envelopes are a check on the bookkeeper, and the error can be easily corrected.

At the ned of each quarter the Treasurer sends you a statement showing the amount paid in and the amount due, if any.

Your co-operation is solicited to carry out this system in a business-like manner.

The need for an upright piano on the first floor where so much of our social work is carried on, is growing acute. The one in the basement is used by the daily school of Polish children and in other ways. Who will give us a piano, or tell us where to get one without money?

The work of the Kensington Community Girls' Club, over 200 of them, in our Parish House every Monday evening gives promise to a most profitable welfare work in our neighborhood. We commend this Club to all the girls of our neighborhood. Besides all sorts of recreation, there is training in sewing, singing, cooking and dancing by expert teachers.

The Club planted a community Christmas tree, in the square near the Church, electrically lit every evening during Christmas-tide.

On Saturday afternoon, December 27, members of the Club gave a genuine Christmas party, in the Parish House, to over sixty neighborhood children. It was a merry party of games, singing and dancing. Three little girls of the party added much to the entertainment of the party. Virginia Fisher and Mary Alice Conway played the piano and recited, and Mary McCarthy danced a most beautiful folk dance. At the end of the program a real Santa Claus came, and sent the children away laden with presents in boxes made by the Community Girls. There was Christmas joy in abundance.

The Club invites our young men and girls to its social party, Monday, January 5, at 8 P. M.

The whole thing is something new and beautiful and joyful, generating good-will and fellowship for which we all yearn. May God's blessing rest upon the Club. We want to help them in every way. We need a piano very badly.

Never before has St. George's Mission had so much festivity during Christmas-tide.

The most joyful children's Christmas party given by the Community Girls' Club, Saturday afternoon, December 27th.

The Italian Sunday School Christmas Festival equally joyous, in the presence of many parents, the same day in the evening.

The same afternoon the Sunday School filled the Chapel, Venango, all animated with Christmas cheer and joy at their festival.

Earlier in the week, the 23rd, the Chapel Kindergarten charmed the mothers and all present with their annual festival. To see this was worth a few years of one's life.

Then came the Christmas Cantata by our Sunday School here, December 30, in the evening. Limited space forbids description of its excellencies.

This Cantata was under the direction of Miss Jennie Jacobs and Mr. Frank Frederickson.

This festival was preceded in the afternoon by the Christmas

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No.
1000, Dec. 7, Frederick Keller
1001, " 7, Kennett Allen Lybrand
1002, " 7, Helena Saybolt
1003, " 14, Viola Ruth Brown
1004, " 25, Elizabeth Bertha Smith

MARRIAGE

No.
172, Dec. 17, { John W. Mullineaux / Emma F. Dittmar

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No.
452, Dec. 5, Lillian Halfrick
453, " 7, John A. Taylor
454, " 23, Luke Phillips

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
129, Dec. 14, Wm. Edward Laubengeyer
130, " 21, David Joseph Youngken

party of our large cradle-roll members and the children of the Sunday School Kindergarten under Mrs. Poe and her assistants. If you want to be happy, mix up with little children, especially in Christmas-tide. The more you know them the better you like them.

Beside all these stated festivals there have been incidentals. For instance: On Tuesday morning, the 23rd, the Polish children of our daily school came exceptionally early. Spread newspaper on the floor of the basement. Placed thereon a long table on trestles. Covered it with white linen. Decorated it with flowers and other things, such as little cakes which their mothers baked; and when Deaconess Norris, Miss Murphy and Father Panfil came to open the school, the children gave them a surprising surprise party, and a Christmas present carefully wrapped up for each of them.

There seems to be no time to get the blues in St. George's. Life is bubbling over, thank God.

OUR ORGAN FUND

Previously reportd $4215.88. Received since from Karl O. Shore $3, the Misses Wappler $2, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Lauer $2, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Blodgett (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Mayer) $25, Mrs. John Enders $1, Mrs. Charles Parker $1, Miss Emma Bohnenberger $5, Dr. Charles O. Peiffer $10, Miss E. Josephine Brazier $25, Mrs Catherine Bryan $5, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gransback $5, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marquess $1, Benjamin Pogson $1, Mrs. Walkden $2, Mrs. Walker $2, Harry Kaufmann $5, Anonymous 10c, Miss Ida Olnhausen $2, Elsie May Wurst (in memory of grand) father) $1, Mrs. Mary J. Rushton (in memory of brother John A. Taylor) $5, Russell Kern $1, Elmer D. Kern $1, Hazel E. Kern $1, Miss Ethel Hannum $5, Mrs. A. J. Dallas Dixon $10, Kensington Community Girls' Club $10, Charles J. Frederickson $10, Joseph Hess $5, Mrs. W.

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The Fathers' Meeting is approaching another anniversary celebration sometime in February. Now is the time to think and act about it.

We should like very much to write down the names of the volunteer workers of our Church which we rejoice to see grow; but we dare not. We rather leave this to God, to write their names in the Book of Life; that is, the names of the men, women, boys and girls who come now and then offering their personal service in the work of the Church. They are the salt of the earth. They compel the admiration even of those who are not like them.

This is a reminder to the young people who have undertaken the great play "Pocahontas" to be given in the near future. It is the finest opportunity for our young people to show our community what they can do in the way of entertainment. We cannot imagine any disappointment coming from our young people. We look rather for much success.

For a long time the teachers of our Sunday School have felt the want of co-operative action. They have therefore decided to hold in the parish house Teachers' Meetings every last Friday in the month at 8 P. M. sharp. No letters or postal card notices will be sent out. But every teacher will keep the last Friday evening in the month devoted to the Teachers' Meeting.

St. George's Athletic Association has now 23 members. They are rehearsing for a minstrel show for Friday evening, February 13. Their basket-ball games are looked up until the second Friday in February. They are getting in line for a winning baseball team under the management of Mr. Wm. Muir, a University of Michigan man.

They adopted a constitution which in one particular is superior to that of the United States of America. It is superior in that it expressly states that the chief aim of the Association is to promote Christian manhood in the best sense of the term. The U. S. Constitution is rather vague, since "Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness" is easily taken for "mere existence, license and the pursuit of pleasure."

We are looking forward to two great meetings in this parish house in the month of February. One is that of the Sextons' Association and the other of our Sunday School Teachers' Institute of the Kensington District comprising our Churches within the area. At its last meeting the Rev. Wm. T. Metz of St. Gabriel's Mission was elected president for the ensuing year.

Our Junior basketball team composed mostly of members of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and who have joined the League,

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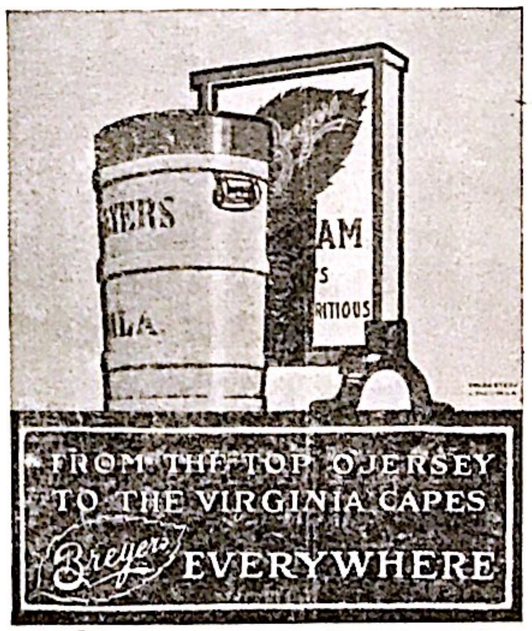
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have two more games to win to be in the forefront. They were recently in contest with Christ Church, Germantown, St. Stephen's, Wissahickon, St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill and others. We wish them all good luck.

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 60 is making steady progress. Its future is very bright. It was a pleasure to join them in their feast this Christmas-tide in the parish house.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Bishop Garland visited the Chapel congregation on Wednesday evening, December 17, and the following candidates were confirmed: Ida Seemuller, Agnes Alexander, Edward Oechsle, Marie White, Harry Winkelspecht, Matilda McGovern, Marie Seifert, John Hinke, May Brooks, Horace Fowler, Frank Fowler, Edwin Barth, Clarence Alexander, Catherine Sachs, Howard R. McVeagh, Howard Brooks, Edward Brooks, William Reinas, Roy Yeo and William Lange.

It is a fine company of young people, and much good work for the Church is expected of them. We are sure they will do their best not to disappoint our Lord and Master to whom they promised allegiance, and we shall pray for their success. The Bishop's sermon and admonition was much edifying both to the Class and the goodly congregation present.

The loveliest Christmas Festival anyone can witness was given by the Daily Chapel Kindergarten, Tuesday afternoon, December 23, in which all the little ones took part in the presence of their mothers and friends. There were nearly fifty tots around the Cross-shaped table in the midst of the basement room filled with people; and the program of singing, reciting and acting, and the decorations, and the presents were all beautiful and dainty and warmed your heart with the Christmas spirit. We challenge in all seriousness the whole Diocese of Pennsylvania to show a Kindergarten equal to or better than the Chapel Kindergarten (Venango) both in conduct and results. Miss Ott has been its teacher for 14 years, and this accounts for the fact just referred to. Our mothers know this well, and therefore they love her.

To our friends who are able to help and encourage this work, and who have done so beautifully in the past, we still look for their support in the future, for they shall be blessed in so doing.

On Saturday afternoon, December 27, the Chapel Sunday School members had a no less enjoyable time at their Christmas party, directed by Miss Coulter. All took part in music and games and refreshments, and presents were given to the little ones. Santa Claus was back of it all, and the joy of all present will linger in their hearts for many days.

On the Sunday following the Sunday School carol service was held, at which the Primary Department children recited the Christmas story from St. Luke's Gospel. All present carried on their way home Christmas joy in their hearts and Christmas candy in their hands.

Parents and friends of the members of our Sunday School are invited to the evening service in the Chapel on Sunday, January 4, at 7.30 o'clock to witness the giving of prizes for merit in the Sunday School during the past year.

We acknowledge gratefully the receipt of a glass pitcher and cruet for the use of administering Holy Communion, given by the Rev. Dr. G. Woolsey Hodge, who has been kindly officiating at these services on the second Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

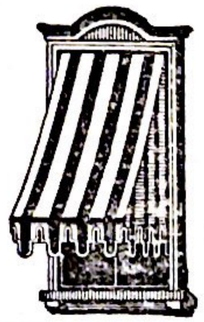
We are also glad to receive from St. George's, Richmond, congregation the Bishop's chair, lecturn, and choir stalls which add greatly to the appearance of our chancel.

The net results of our Bazaar December 19-20 is $42.35.

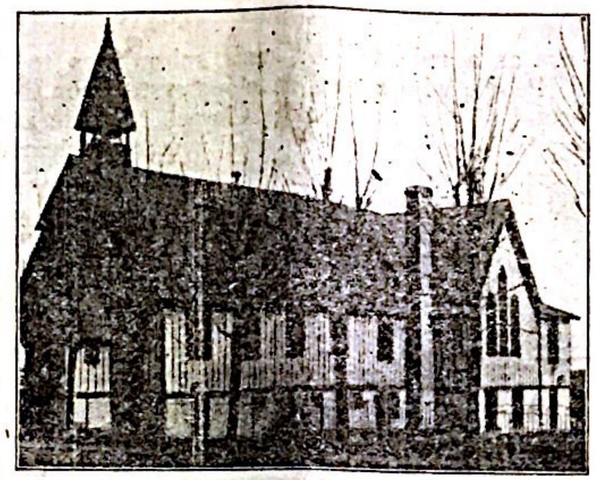
Fifteen new subscribers to our Weekly Envelope system is the result of the effort of some of our young men during the nation-wide campaign.

Good luck to our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts who are vieing with one another in well doing.

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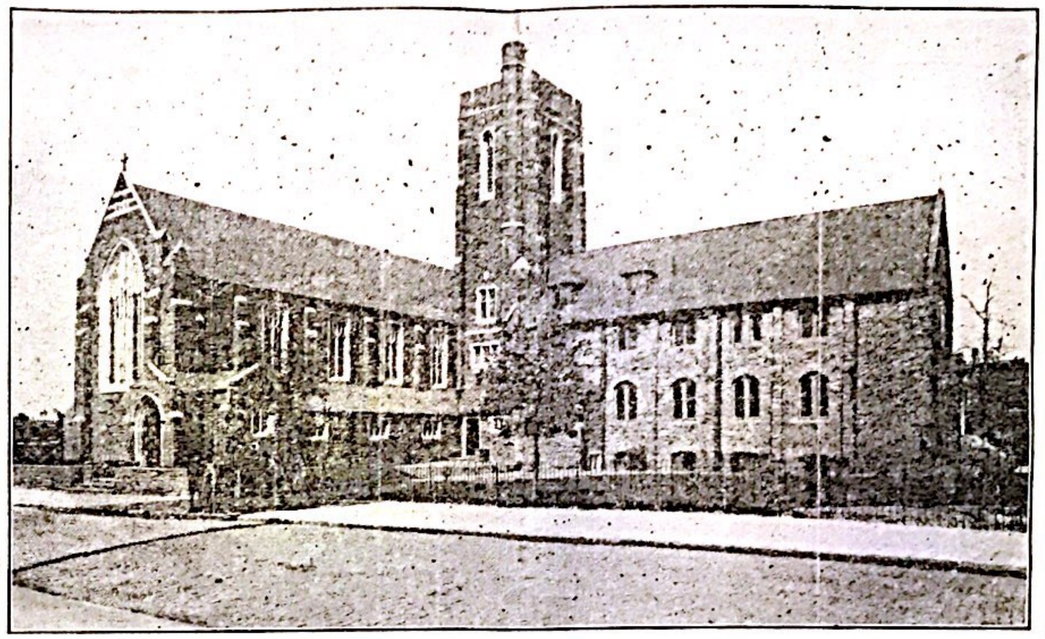
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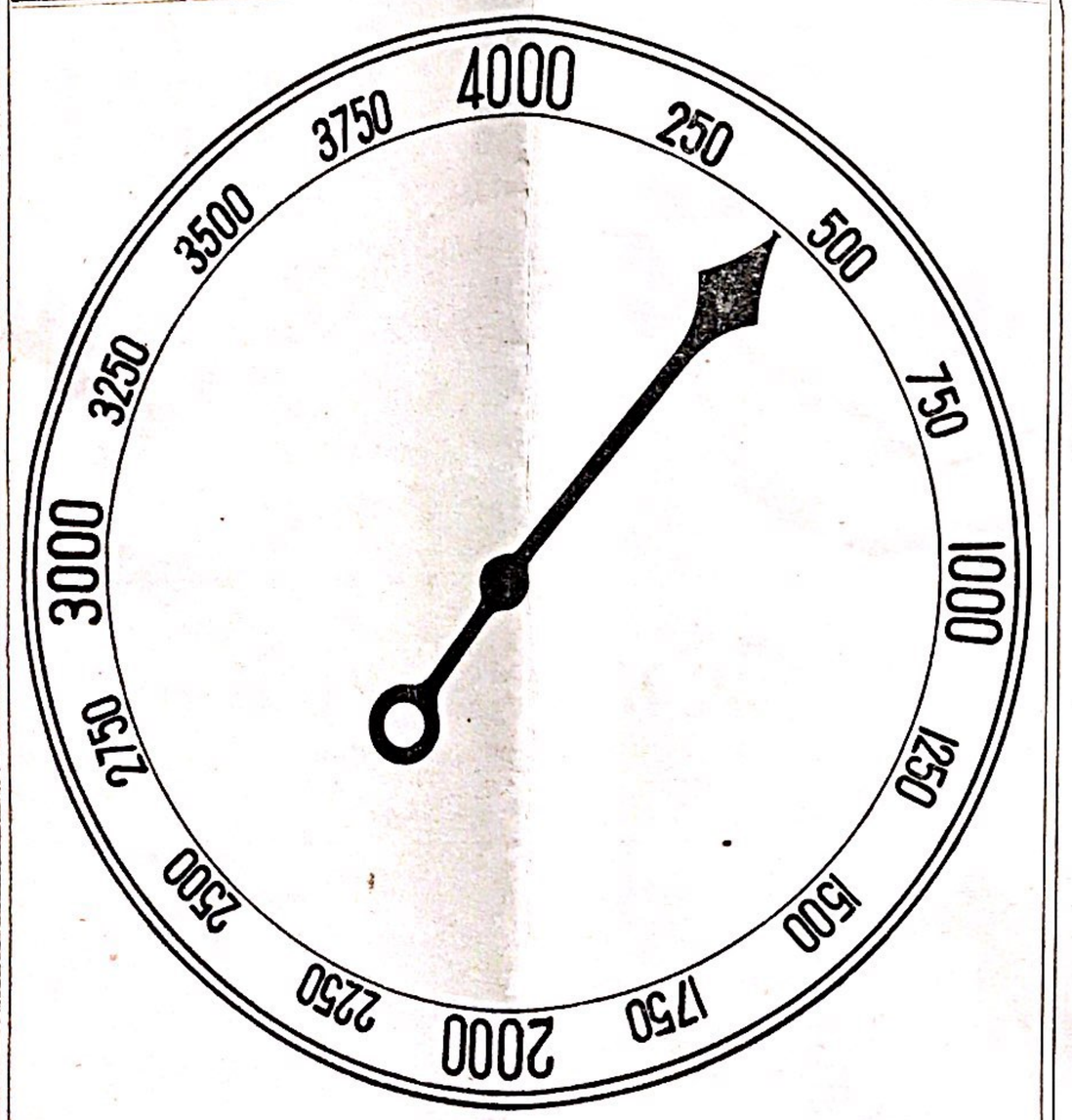
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LOOK UP

Look up and not down, give a helping hand, is the motto of St. George's congregation. When we began to call for a $4000 organ we were perfectly honest about it. That was what we needed. We figured on the prices of those days. But prices have risen since; and many little things never dreamed of have turned up which are necessary to the completion of the organ, making its price to exceed $4500. We have passed by a good margin the $4000, and we need at least about $200 more. This increase is not a loss but a gain to the Church, for when the organ is completed, to the glory of God, those who have contributed to it will be exceeding glad of it. It is not only an instrument to be proud of, but a lasting sweet memorial to the good-will of the people and to the praise of God. Will you not take part in it?

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THE ONE THING

After all what we all want is *one thing*. Even those who think they need *many* things really want only *one* thing; and that is the thing which gives satisfaction, or happiness. It is as if you had a magnificently constructed automobile, and a fine garage, and a most competent chauffeur, but no spark to set the engine in motion. The thing which completes is the one thing we lack; and it is always the *one thing*. People may talk as if they needed *many* things: money, housing, social advantage, but they really mean *one* thing. For if they really had all these things and wanted love, they would still be in want, in want of *the one thing*.

Indeed, you very seldom hear people wishing for *many* things; but we do hear frequently, "Oh, if I only had this, or that, thing, I would be satisfied." But this cry is perpetual, no matter how often the wish is granted. They still need one thing. May it not be that they are wrong in their choice? Have they not emphasized the wrong thing? And if they lived the life of Methuselah, who is reputed to have lived 969 years and were given many things would they not at the end thereof still be crying for one thing?

At present the cry goes up for one thing, more money! I do not say that it is not a natural cry, and that there is no cause for it. But I do insist, and this may be verified from actual experience, that if the longing for more money be ever gratified (assuming the possibility of it) the one thing will still be lacking.

What I should like to see tried is to have us all, big and small, transfer the emphasis laid upon money to love, love of God and love of neighbor. May not this be, after all, the thing we really need, and for which we all in sin are blindly groping?

Do you remember the incident in our Lord's life which is recorded faithfully by three of His biographers, Matthew, Mark and Luke; each in his own way giving an account of a conversation which took place between our Lord and a rich ruler? This man evidently enjoyed youth, health, riches, power, and a good character; and still he was evidently not satisfied, for he knelt to our Lord, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life!" Now mark what happened. "And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. The young man went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions.

In this way our Lord proved to the young man's own satisfaction where the cause of his unhappiness lay. The young man placed supreme value on the wrong thing. The thing which he really needed he did not value enough. Eternal life, however, is not to be acquired so much by giving up possessions as

by pleacing the proper value upon it. As our Lord Himself says: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

"One thing thou lackest." And this is the thing which too many Christian people, so called, are lacking, which is at the bottom of all their sufferings. They put the emphasis on the wrong thing. A little pleasure, a little eating, a little of almost anything is preferred to the performance of their duty to God and men even on the Lord's day. Their heart is truly where their treasure is. We need money? Yes. We need social enjoyment? Yes. But above all do we need the one thing we lack, the one thing, love enough for God to constrain us to faithful service in His Church for the good of men, women and children.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following statement is made not as boasting, but to gladden the hearts of all who have contributed to the work of the Church, and helped to make St. George's Mission what it is. Please note that this statement does not include St. George's Chapel (Venango), a report of which will appear elsewhere, nor the work among Italians, nor of the Poles.

Our annual report to the Diocesan Convention just completed shows among other things that we have in St. George's (Richmond) 373 members, and 420 contributors by the Duplex envelope system. 477 in the Sunday School. Twelve working societies not counting the choir. We have a property valued at $142,000. Our receipts from all sources during 1919 are $8781. We spent $3111 for permanent improvements and extraordinary repairs, and for other parochial purposes $294. We spent for salaries and upkeep of the work $3671. We gave to Missions and other purpose outside our Mission $552. We have a parish house and a magnificent Church well and beautifully equipped; the parish house filled wth activity beyond its capacity by men, women and children every day in the week.

If money is made to be spent, and spent wisely, those who have given to St. George's have good reason to rejoice in their giving.

When we started to climb the steep and rugged mountain, at the foot of it, 18 years ago, we were a very small ill-equipped company. By the grace of God we have attained unto some height from which to look down makes the head dizzy; but we are constantly looking upward, for there is still much more to climb. The fact that the top is still beyond our reach should make us more eager to press on. Some day, if we continue loyal, we shall reach the heights on which the blessed faithful live, then shall our hearts rejoice together with theirs.

On Monday evening, January 5, the Community Girls' Club gave a social evening for themselves and their friends. There were about 200 young men and women having a most joyful time. The young men's S. P. D. Club, of this neighborhood furnished excellent music. They made a fine orchestra, and the young people appreciated their services very much, and gave them a hearty vote of thanks by acclamation. We really enjoy the privilege of giving so many young people the opportunity of cultivating sociability and friendship, the two precious qualities which make life pleasant to all.

Again we commend heartily the Girls' Community Club to the young women of our neighborhood. We want them to come freely and taste of the hospitality and friendship which the members of the Club offer them.

At present the members of the Club are drilling for a grand pageant by a thousand girls to be given in this city in the near future.

Every Friday and Saturday evenings our basement is given to basket ball contests between our teams and those coming from various parts of the city. To these contests our people are invited. They are exceedingly interesting in their display of athletic action and fine sportsmanship. It is not at all boasting or exaggeratng to say that our young men are quite distinguished in both. Both the Senior and Junior teams each won 5 out of 7 games.

Last reported in Light and Heat Fund $3. Received since from Girls' Friendly Society 50c, Canvassers' Supper $2.82, Athletic Association $5, Fathers' Meeting $16, Members of congregation by envelopes $34.10. Total on hand $61.42.

Each contributor to the Church, we hope, has received a blue envelope among the others. We trust it will be used for the Light and Heat Fund. It is the only way in which we can meet the high cost of heating and lighting this building which is used by our young people every evening in the week.

The Sextons' Association will meet in this Parish House Monday evening February 2, at 8 o'clock. The speaker of the evening will be the Rev. Dr. George L. Richardson. We welcome heartily the assembly of the body of faithful workers in the Church to our hospitality.

The Sunday School Teachers' Institute, composed of the teachers and officers of the Episcopal Church in Kensington and Richmond district will hold their quarterly meeting in this Parish House the second Thursday evening March 11th. St. George's teachers and officers will be the host on that occasion. We are sure our teachers and officers count it a great privilege to welcome most heartily their co-workers of the other parishes and Mission stations. We expect a fine program.

As we go to print news comes that our Basket Ball team, made up of members of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, won the game in contest with St. Pauls', Chestnut Hill team played in St. Paul's parish house, Saturday evening, January 24, 33, to 25. If they win the game to be played in St. George's parish house in contest with St. Simeon's team the following Saturday, our team will be first in the League.

THE ORGAN FUND

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1006, " 18, Charles Jacob Seitter

MARRIAGES

No.
173, Dec. 31, { Meredith P. Albertson / Rose M. Brown
174, Jan. 13. { Charles G Ramsay / Cora B. Palmer

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"
No.
455, Jan. 28, Chester S. Merrian

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"
No.
131, Jan. 11, Clara May Kirschenmann

from Walter Poe, $2.50; Sunday School Beginners, $3; Mrs. Wm. Sing, $1; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Lang, $1; Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Russell, $10; Miss Kathryn Schneider,$1; Mother and Aunt Carrie (in memory of little Harry Max), $3; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marquess, $1; Total on hand $4386.98.

The most beautiful thing about our organ is that it is not only sanctified and consecrated to worship of God by the good-will of such a large host of people who have given to it their free-will offerings, but it is also consecrated by many memorial gifts to the memory of departed dear ones. The Organ Fund is not yet completed, and offers the opportunity to those desiring to perpetuate the memory of the departed in this beautiful and appropriate way.

Our Pastor wishes again to acknowledge gratefully the kindness of the members of our congregation and their friends who contributed towards the purchase of an automobile for him, and to announce that the amount deposited in the bank for that purpose is $160.50.

In these days of spiritualism, or spiritism, or ghostly talk, you will not discredit this strange incident. One late afternoon, as I entered our beautiful Church, and found myself overcome by the hush and quiet atmosphere of sanctity, I heard a mellow, sweet plaintive voice. I listened, and it was real. It said: "Someone has ruthlessly marred my face with foolish pencil writing. I never harm anybody. In fact, those who read me, always find themselves nearer God, for I always kindle in the heart of those who read me the spirit of prayer which is the best and most helpful quality in mankind." I turned in the direction whence the voice came. It was a new Prayer Book. I picked it up reverently and gently, and when I opened the cover, sure enough, I found the foolish scribbling in pencil which gave me indescribable, painful feelings of humiliation. It was evidently the work of a thoughtless silly idiot who failed to appreciate the gift of writing

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It should be remembered that books, especially the greatest book next to the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer or Hymnal, should be handled with respect due them. For good books, like good persons, are the best companions one may have the privilege to enjoy and ought not to be abused. Blessed is the man who has the capacity to appreciate them.

The Athletic Association is to give an entertainment Friday evening, February 13th. It promises to be a good one, and to be enjoyed by all who come.

LENT

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, comes on February 11. On that day we shall have morning and evening services at 10.30 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Lent which is a season lasting forty days preceding Easter is a season in whiich Church people, or Christian people, commemorate our Lord's temptation in the wilderness which lasted forty days and forty nights preceding His ministry. It was a real trial and temptation to Him in which hunger and thirst and other physical discomforts played their part in trying to induce Him to give up His Mission of salvation, a mission of revealing to mankind the infinite love of God for us, and His readiness to forgive our sins whenever we truly turn to Him. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16.)

It is quite in keeping with our faith, therefore, and with our intelligence, to properly observe Lent by turning away from the usual pleasures of life, which legitimate as they be in themselves are out of place and season in Lent, and make a special effort in giving our time more to prayer and good works. The Church offers you this opportunity. During Lent we shall have Wednesday evening services which you will do well to attend faithfully. The money saved from denying ourselves pleasure during Lent should be devoted to the spread of the Gospel and of the Kingdom of God among men.

Our children who have done so well in Lent last year should be spurred on to do even better this Lent. It is fine, it is great, it is beautiful, it is noble for children to deny themselves candy and movies during Lent and put the money into their missionary boxes instead. A child who does this willingly, need not worry its parents as to its future character. Let us all observe Lent in decency and in order.

The rubric on page 281 of our Prayer Book reads as follows: "When any person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish." And may we add that should he by chance, through pressure of business, forget, or overlook, he ought to be reminded of it. This is as you would do in your family, and this is the way real friends do.

For some time the Primary Department of our Sunday School, including the Beginners' Depart-

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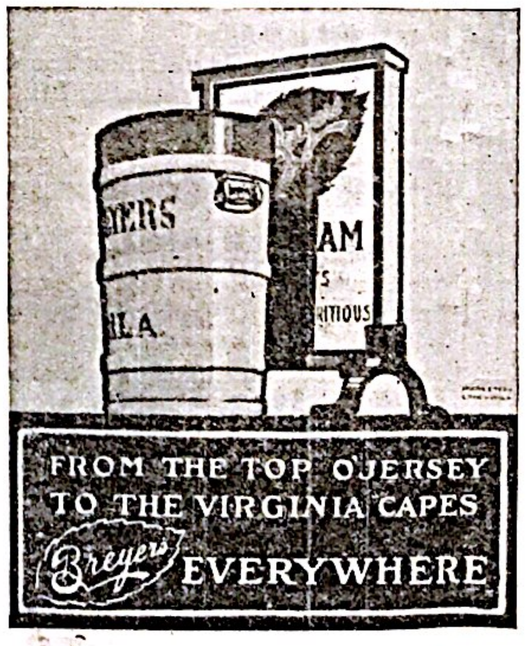
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ment has been raising money for our Baptismal Font. It is due to the little children that our Font has such a beautiful cover costing $175 towards which the little ones have raised up to date $150.15. Their last gift for this object was $35. They have still $25 to raise which we are sure they will with cheerfulness.

I would I could stir up in the hearts of young people the passion for music, the appreciation of the beautiful, which seems to sleep in their souls, made drunk and stupefied by the drugs of cheap amusement.

It is a pity that so much talent is wasted; so many young people are held back from the choir by the example of others, especially those whose privilege it is to encourage rather than to discourage.

We appeal to the young people of the neighborhood, no matter who they are, that if you have a taste for real good music, and wish to grow in it, storing away untold pleasures for the future. If your life is made happier by singing, or if you take pleasure in helping others by the magic of music, do not hesitate to speak to Mr. Eayre, our choir master. Enlist in St. George's choir. You will be welcome, and you will find enjoyment in rendering service to a noble institution.

Are you investing your savings in Thrift and Savings Stamps? You know that the borrower is a slave to the lender, and the debtor to the creditor. If you would know the value of money try to borrow some. Waste is ignorance; Thrift is wisdom. Life was not made for savings; but savings are made that life may be more abundant.

Goldsmith has said: "People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy." No wonder the coming of Christ upon earth is regarded as the coming of the Kingdom of God, since He is the model for men and women. Even if only *some* men and women are trying to fashion their lives after this Model everybody is the better for it. What if all took Christ as their model?

Here is a statement: can you successfully contradict it? "God will be satisfied with nothing less than the best." You feel in your heart that this must be true. You cannot bring yourself to think that God could be satisfied with a second place in your life. Now put this to the test on Sunday, or any other day when God is calling. You will find it very hard to say even one word about your sufficiency and goodness.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10.)

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

At the Sunday School commencement service held in the Chapel Sunday evening, January 4th, the following were awarded the prizes won for faithful attendance: Anna Krooks, Dorothy McGovern, Verna McGovern, Claire McGovern, Naomi Herz, Helen Herz, Ella Brenner, Gladys Wagner, Verna Wagner, Josephine Hanson, Agnes Alexander, Marie White, Herbert Kersham, Charles Donahue, Mrs. Sladen and Miss Coulter.

These prizes are as a rule valued very highly. People who own them are more proud of them, and have more reason to be proud of them, than of prizes won at a progressive euchre party, or some such like achievement.

We congratulate the recipients of the Sunday School prizes upon their faithfulness and diligence.

We have been profited in some degree from the "Every Member Campaign." We found it a good thing so far as it has been carried out. But we must not stop. We must continue to pursue this plan of getting our people to take a more vital interest in the work of the Chapel. This burden falls too much upon the few. We are sure that if our volunteers continue to interview our people, and get others to do the same, the good results will be much larger.

We ought to have a finance committee whose business should be to secure subscribers to the Duplex envelope system for the support of the Chapel. People are willing to give if you make clear to them the object of giving.

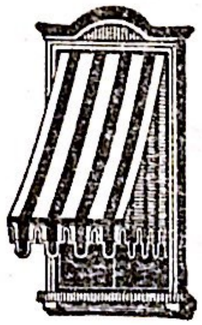
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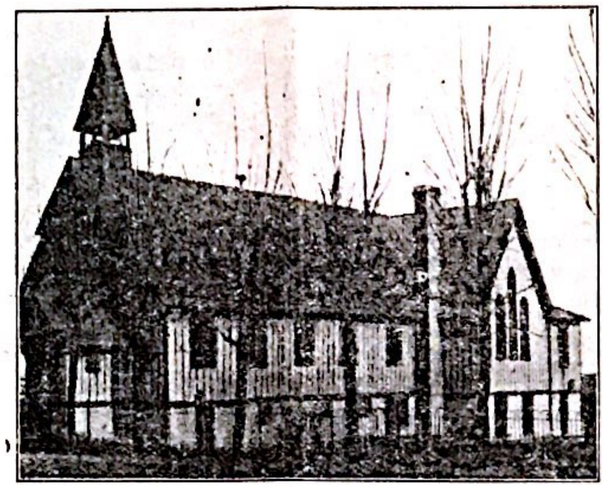
Our choir, so well spoken of, can do much to help in making the services of our Chapel more profitable to all who come. Besides we should look forward towards Easter, and be ready when it comes, through faithful attendance at choir rehearsals.

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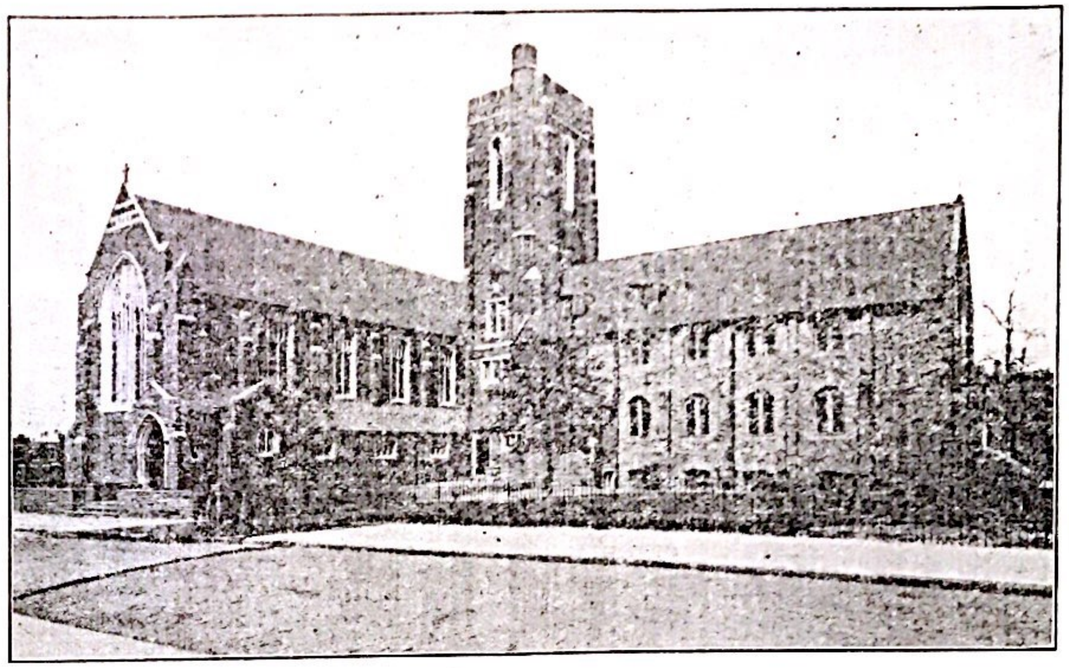
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But is not this boy the type of so many thousands of men and women? For have you not see these men and women going through life reading all sorts of newspapers, magazines and books by the dozens, which they get from the library, stacked with books, yet have not read THE BOOK. Not that the Bible is out of their reach, no more than the elephant to visitors of the Zoo. The Bible is prominent enough. There is hardly a Protestant Christian home without the Bible. It is quite in evidence everywhere. Nearly all, if not all, our schools and court houses have the Bible. Our presidents and all others in authority take their oath with hand upon the Bible. It is conspicuous enough. Like the elephant in the Zoo, so is the Bible among books. It is THE BOOK. What the elephant is in size among animals, so is the Bible in the literature of the world. Yet thousands of men and women come into this world and go out of it prattling of so many things they know, but with no knowledge of the greatest thing in the world, the Bible. Are they not like that boy, who having spent a whole day in the Zoo, did not see the elephant?

Is it too fanciful to say that when these people have shuffled off their mortal coil, and find themselves amidst inquiring angels, will they not feel like that boy amidst his laughing playmates?

It is to save you from that shame and sense of failure that a series of addresses on the Bible has been inaugurated in St. George's Church to take the place of sermons at the Sunday evening services at 7.30. At the end of each address opportunity will be given for asking questions. Questions also received by mail during the week will be answered the following Sunday evening.

The purpose of these addresses on the Bible is not only to acquaint the hearers with things about the Bible, but also with the Bible itself, so that it may be read and understood intelligently; and that at the end of each service people may go home knowing more than when they came.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The following are the Easter offerings:

Women's Guild	$100.00
Women's Auxiliary	28.00
Girls' Friendly Society	35.00
Boy Scouts	10.00
Boy Cadets	10.00
Congregation	181.45
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Sunday School:

Class No. 8	$8.50
Class No. 12	10.00
Class No. 14	17.00
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Beginners' Dept	5.00
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For Missions

Beginners' Dept.	$62.71
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Main Dept.	73.79
Little Helpers	15 50
	$212 30

Grand Total $629.25

This is an excellent showing, more so when considered in connection with the installation of the new $4500 organ, about ninety per cent. of which was given by St. George's people here within the last two years.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Following the custom of former years, we publish in this list the names of our Sunday School members in order of their distinction in giving to Missions by means of Lenten boxes given out at the beginning of Lent, and returned on Easter Day. The amounts found in the boxes range from 4 cents to $7.29 each.

While it is true that self-denial is the true measure of giving; that 10 cents given through self-denial is more in the sight of God than $10 given from over-abundance, it is impossible for us to do otherwise than to give the names in order of distinction according to the amount found in the box of each giver, beginning with the highest and ending with those giving not less than 40 cents, as follows:

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On Thursday evening, March 13, the Scouts are to give a moving picture show for the benefit of their work. Our Troop is doing so well that we trust they will get the encouragement of us all. They will give a splendid show worth seeing, Thursday, March 13, at 8 P. M. sharp.

After some delay in transit we received at last the Church calendar, which should be in every home of those who think anything of the Church. This calendar is from Easter to Easter, April 1920, to April 1921, giving all the Church seasons according to the Church year. It is a very useful calendar in a Christian home.

Never before has there been so much need of thinking and doing by men as there is now. What is the matter with our Fathers' Meeting? Are the objects no more for which it has been organized? Is everything all right? Is there nothing of any importance to discuss? Are we content with what we know? Is there nothing more to learn? Will things settle themselves? Is there no service we can render to the welfare work our Church is trying to do? Are our men fathers in the real sense of the name? Are we as fathers performing our full duty to our families? Is there no room for improvement? Surely these are questions which men are in duty bound to answer frankly and honestly. There is no reason why the noble work our fathers have done, and were interrupted by the war, should not be revived. There is more need now than ever before for such work and fellowship. Who will start the ball rolling?

Every year our Diocese holds a convention, meeting at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth below Spruce street, on account of its convenient location and accommodations. This year the opening service will be held at Christ Church, Second above Market street, Tuesday, May 4, at 9.30 A. M., to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Church in Pennsylvania. This historic service is open to all; but the clerical and lay deputies to the convention are all supposed to attend it. After the service adjournment will be made to the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, where the Bishops will address the convention at 11.30 A. M. In the evening the convention will meet again at 7.45 to hear the report of the Diocesan Board of Missions, and the work of

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The churches of Philadelphia are uniting in support of the building fund campaign of the Young Women's Christian Association, May 4 to 11, inclusive. In view of the housing situation in this city, the Y. W. C. A. feels that it is a Christian duty to meet this crisis. There are 271,704 women and girls employed in this city, 38,052 of whom are living away from home. In 1919 the Y. W. C. A. housed 57,350 young women, in its boarding and transient departments. It turned away 10,000 more. Is this not a challenge to the citizens of Philadelphia?

On Thursday evening, March 13, the Scouts are to give a moving picture show for the benefit of their work. Our Troop is doing so well that we trust they will get the encouragement of us all. They will give a splendid show worth seeing, Thursday, March 13, at 8 P. M. sharp.

After some delay in transit we received at last the Church calendar, which should be in every home of those who think anything of the Church. This calendar is from Easter to Easter, April 1920, to April 1921, giving all the Church seasons according to the Church year. It is a very useful calendar in a Christian home.

Never before has there been so much need of thinking and doing by men as there is now. What is the matter with our Fathers' Meeting? Are the objects no more for which it has been organized? Is everything all right? Is there nothing of any importance to discuss? Are we content with what we know? Is there nothing more to learn? Will things settle themselves? Is there no service we can render to the welfare work our Church is trying to do? Are our men fathers in the real sense of the name? Are we as fathers performing our full duty to our families? Is there no room for improvement? Surely these are questions which men are in duty bound to answer frankly and honestly. There is no reason why the noble work our fathers have done, and were interrupted by the war, should not be revived. There is more need now than ever before for such work and fellowship. Who will start the ball rolling?

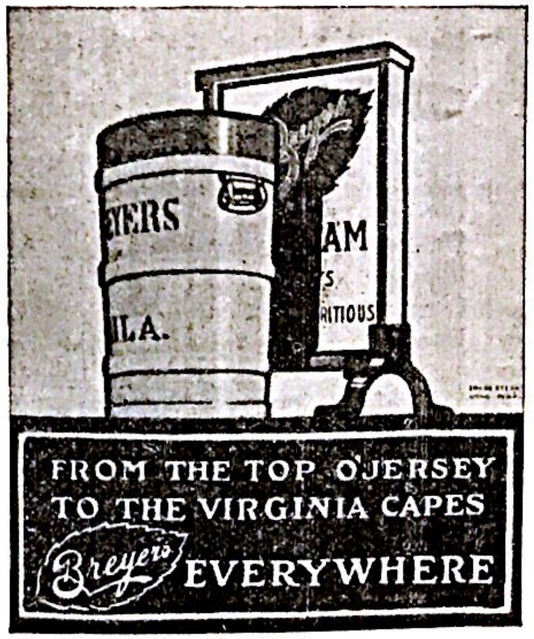
Every year our Diocese holds a convention, meeting at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Thirteenth below Spruce street, on account of its convenient location and accommodations. This year the opening service will be held at Christ Church, Second above Market street, Tuesday, May 4, at 9.30 A. M., to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Church in Pennsylvania. This historic service is open to all; but the clerical and lay deputies to the convention are all supposed to attend it. After the service adjournment will be made to the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, where the Bishops will address the convention at 11.30 A. M. In the evening the convention will meet again at 7.45 to hear the report of the Diocesan Board of Missions, and the work of

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The Diocesan Convention is made up of our two Bishops, all the clergy and laymen delegates chosen by each parish to represent its congregation.

At this convention the Bishops make report of their work during the year, and all the work of the Diocese is gone over; laws, called canons, to govern the Diocese are made, or changed, provided they do not conflict with the laws of the General Convention in which all dioceses of the land are represented, and which meets every three years.

After each Diocesan Convention a journal is printed giving all its proceedings and the yearly reports of each parish or mission. These reports practically register the loyalty and faithfulness of the people to the Church. St. George's record, or the record of its people, has so far continued good. Let us pray and work that this good record may continue to grow year by year.

Do not miss the Sunday evening service if you wish to gain a better knowledge of the Bible, and, therefore, a better knowledge of life. Know that you have a soul as well as a body; that the soul needs feeding as well as the body. Do not starve the soul. Become alarmed when you are losing the taste for spiritual things, when you do not feel the need of Church attendance; for this is a sure sign of the "sleeping sickness" creeping over your soul. There is no pain, but it means death. It is well to pinch yourself to see if there is any feeling or sign of life left in the soul. This is no fancy, for Christ would not have died on the Cross if there were no souls to save. And Christ died for you. Will you set Him at naught?

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

I do not believe that churchgoing is by any means synonymous with religion, but I know that it is a fairly accurate symbol of religion. A thermometer is not synonymous with heat; but there is a good deal of significance in what the thermometer says. Church attendance is at least the thermometer of religion. When it stands at zero, the chances are that religious enthusiasm is pretty cold. People who are interested in business are to be seen at the desk or behind the counter at their work. And people who are really interested in religion are likely to be seen at church.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS.

The Lenten offering for missions presented by the Sunday school on Easter Day amounts to $92.40, the largest offering of the kind in the history of the Church. We commend our dear children and their teachers for this expression of loyalty to the Church and the desire to do good. This missionary spirit so shown is a sign of health in the chapel Sunday school.

The spirit of Easter pervaded our Sunday school as well as the Church services. There is no music so inspiring as the Easter hymns, and these were sung finely in the Sunday school as well as in the Church services. It was a treat to hear the primary school tell the Bible story of the Resurrection. The chancel was beautifully decorated with choice flowers, and the sunlight shining through the stained glass windows produced a fine effect.

The special Easter envelope offering amounted to $19.19.

Have you received your envelope for offering towards the sanitary improvement of the chapel property? Now that the trees are trimmed, the lawn ought to be improved and made beautiful.

These envelopes distributed to defray the expenses of improvements should be turned in not later than June 27th.

All the members who belong to the "Women's United Offering," and others who are inclined to do so, should make their returns to Miss Coulter.

We were glad to have the Rev. J. M. Hayman officiate at the celebration of the Holy Communion on Easter morning. His sermon was very helpful, and we should all like him to come again.

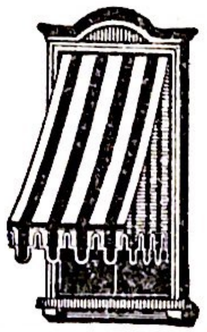
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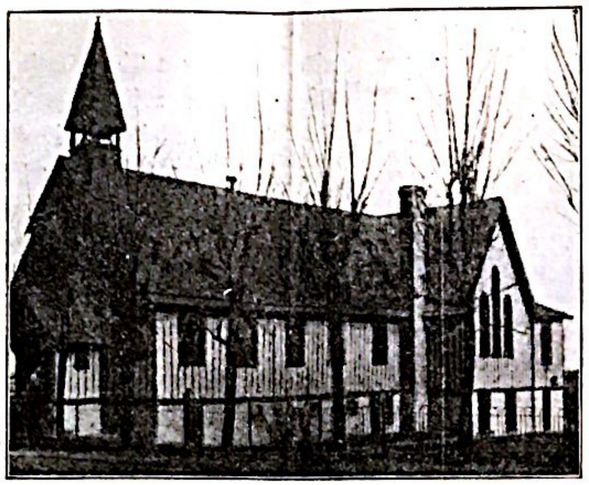
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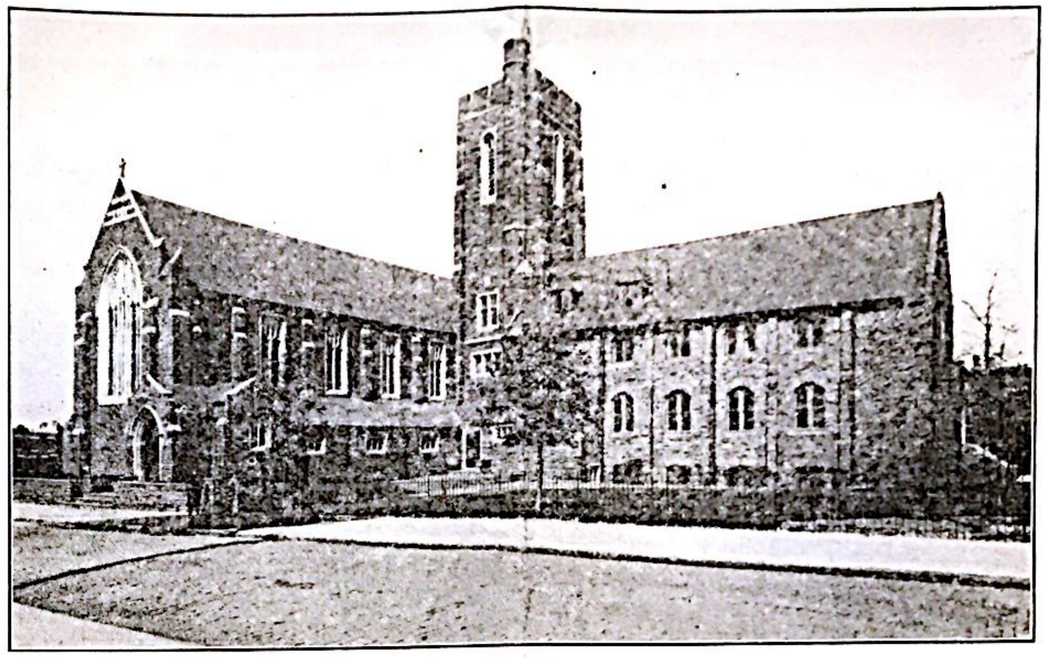
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THE SPECIAL FUND

Dear People of St. George's:

Our Church Council, including the warden and treasurer and clerk, having familiarized themselves with the needs and prospects of our Church, came to the conclusion that the best service they could render St. George's Church and its people at this time is to undertake the task of raising a special fund of not less than $2000. Upon this they unanimously agreed after due deliberation. I have heartily endorsed their decision and plan as they have already briefly outlined to you in their letter mailed to you May 29.

This letter is now being followed up by a personal visit, in which will be explained further the reasons for, and object of, this special fund.

I am delighted with this enterprise, not only because it will put us as a congregation, as they say, "on Easy street," so that we can laugh at the unseemly spectre of H. C. L., and enable us to extend our activities more comfortably for the benefit of our people; but even more so because of the deep interest and noble stand taken by the members of our Council in the things pertaining to the honor and welfare of our Church. It is for these reasons that I ask you to give them your hearty co-operation. I know they will be very reasonable in their demands upon you; and I also know that if every one of you will do his or her share, there will not only be no hardship to any one, but there will be much joy and gladness to all of us. And because I am sure of success, and of the general rejoicing which will follow, I make my appeal to you doubly strong. Remember the solemn promise made to me at the dedication of our new church, November 30.

To this promise I shall hold you (at least those who were present) not only in regard to giving to this special fund, but also to the incidents connected therewith; such as coming to Church to thank God and hear the accounts of the movement. Especially should you be present in the Church Sunday evening, June 13th. Nothing should keep you from attending this service.

Remember, November 30th and June 13th. The one should be the fulfilment of the other.

Affectionately yours,
A. J. ARKIN.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are never tired of reminding our readers that our Sunday School children are second to none, and in many respects above the average in character and intellect. They are as fine looking a lot of boys and girls as you can find anywhere. We never tire dwelling upon this, because it is true.

Now, these boys and girls are going to have a part in raising the special fund. They will see that a copy of this Visitor reaches every home of St. George's people on the day it is issued. They will provide themselves with envelopes for their offerings to the special fund. They will see that these envelopes contain the best they can give. They will return these envelopes to their respective teachers. The returns will be reported by classes. They will celebrate Children's Day the second Sunday, June 13, in the Church, where they will have a grand service, with a full vested choir, at 2 P. M. This is to be strictly a children's service, including the whole Sunday School. The parents may come as the guests of the children. Every member of the Sunday School will do everything to look up absentees and bring them to this service. Every class will see that all its members are provided with a special fund envelope, to be turned in on the appointed time. And all the older members of the family will take delight in preparing the children for this service. There will be great rejoicing in St. George's on that day.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Boys and girls wishing to take advantage of one or two weeks' outing will report either to Mrs. Ross or at this office. This is not restricted to St. George's children, but our children may choose their neighbors and friends with whom they might wish to spend a week or two in the country. First come, first served.

OUR S. S. EXCURSION

We shall go to Augustine Beach, as we did last year. The date is Tuesday, July 27. This seems to be the choice of nearly all of us. Last year we had a delightful time. The boat will wait for us at Allegheny avenue wharf, so that there will be no crowding. The boat will leave the wharf at 8 A. M. sharp. We shall have four hours on the beach, and return to Allegheny wharf about 8 P. M. The ticket for adults is forty cents each way, and for children twenty cents each way. Little ones free. It is always well to make up your picnic parties and get your tickets early. The high cost of living may require a few pennies more, but if you save up, you can have just as much fun, if not more. Let us make this the grandest excursion we ever had.

ORGAN RECITAL

We have arranged for a grand organ recital in which our vested choir will take part. In addition to the musical program there will be an anthem by our choir and two solos. The organ builder has secured Nathan Iredell Reinhart to play the organ, and Mr. Eayre, our organist, will accompany our choir. There will be no admission fee. We want all the people, especially those who have contributed toward the purchase of the organ, to come and hear what a grand organ we have. It will be the greatest musical treat so far this season. The date is Tuesday

evening, June 8th, at 8 o'clock. Come and bring your friends.

Our congregation is much indebted to the group of young people who gave the musical comedy, "Stranded," both for the delightsome entertainment it afforded so many of our people and for the financial gain to our Church treasury of about $85. We give them a rising vote of thanks, and say, "Come again, we are glad to see you."

Previously reported in the Organ Fund, $4459.98. Received since from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kringe, $2.50; Organ Recital, $14. Total, $4476.48. There is still a small balance of $23.52 to be raised to make up the $4500. Who will win the honor of putting on the finishing touch? It would make a fine memorial gift.

Do not measure your ability of giving by the size of your income, but by your inclination to give. The best way to measure your ability to give to the Church is to take into account the amount of money you spend on yourself in comfort and pleasure; and say to yourself: "I have given so much to self-indulgence, how much am I giving to the work of God?" Is giving hard? Not a bit of it, if you love the thing to which you give. After all, the question is not, "Can I afford to give?" But the real question is: "Do I really love God and the work which He wants me to do?" Remember, it is not the amount of money you give that counts so much as the amount of love which prompts you to give. Our Lord measures the value of your gift by your love for Him and His work. Therefore, say not, "I **cannot** give;" but say truthfully, "I **will** not give." There is no one so poor who **cannot** give if he **will.**

He who does not give misses the deepest joy of life. They who give even thoughtlessly will tell you that they never regret it; much more they who give thoughtfully and prayerfully will tell you that they even thank God for the privilege.

Have you any respect for a tight-wad because he is a tight-wad? If this is so in social intercourse, how much more so is it in Christian work? On the other hand, is there anything that wins your admiration and respect for any one as the giving of a cheerful giver to God and the well-being of His people? The Special Fund campaign carried on now by our Church Council is an opportunity for St. George's people to win the respect and admiration of our neighbors.

The amount given by our women to the United Offering at the services held in the Diocesan Church by the Women's Auxiliary early in May is $24.58. This is a good showing for the six months just passed.

Light and Heat Fund. Last reported on hand $158.83. Received since from congregation by blue envelopes $4, Miss Agnes S. Dunn $1, Boy Scouts $1, Fathers' Meeting $6. Total on hand $170.83. This is less than one-fourth of the expense of heating and lighting our buildings which are in constant use by our people. The deficit in this fund could be easily wiped out by the Special Fund which our Church Council has undertaken to raise, and in which our people will co-operate to make it a success.

Did it ever occur to you that high cost of living goes hand in hand with low cost of religion? Yet it is absolutely true. Raise the cost of religion and the cost of living comes tumbling down. Our living becomes very costly when our religion is cheapened. When our religion is reduced in value then our living becomes ruinously costly. "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Are you honest in your complaint of high cost of living? Do you really feel the pinch of it to the extent of wishing to find the remedy for it? If so, seek for the cause of high cost of living in the cause of low cost of religion, and you will find it.

The air is filled with complaints of the shrinking of our pocketbooks in trying to meet the demands of life; whereas it is not our pocketbooks, but our souls that are shrinking. We have made the wrong diagnosis of our case. We as Christians ought to know that when **life** is cheapened **living** rises in prices. This is true in more than one sense. Put it down as God's truth: Low cost of religion goes hand in hand with high cost of living. Raise the cost of your religion, and the cost of your living will come down. You will then begin to realize the joy of life.

Cancel all your other engagements for Sunday evening, June 13, and come with your friends to our service when the final report of the Special Fund "drive" will be made, when all the contributions and pledge cards will be placed on the altar before God and in the presence of the whole congregation, when there will be much singing, praise and rejoicing. Bring your children with you, and let us all rejoice together in God our Saviour.

Do you kneel in prayer? Read the following from Bishop Phillips Brooks: "Pray, the manliest thing that a man can do, the fastening of his life to the eternal, the drinking of his thirsty soul out of the great fountain of life. And pray distinctly. Pray upon your knees. One grows tired sometimes of the free thought, which is yet perfectly true, that a man can pray anywhere and anyhow. But men have found it good to make the whole system pray. Kneel down, and the very bending of those obstinate and unused knees of yours will make the soul kneel down in the humility in which it can be exalted in the sight of God."

Come when you may to St. George's and you will find always something going on. Beside the

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BAPTISMS

No.
1029, May 2, Lillian Marie Potter
1030, " 2, Alma Fannie Potter
1031, " 6, Eleanor Frances Hinke
1032, " 15, Geneva Reed Peters
1033, " 29, Alexander Alexander
1034, " 23, John Thomas Mellor
1035, " 30, Lillian MacBride

MARRIAGES

No.
178, May 10 { George Toohey / Alberta Gail

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
465, May 6, Clara Beil
466, " 11, Caroline Doris Stokley
467, " 17, David Chisholm
468, " 22, Mary Griess
469, " 25, George William Foster

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
137, May 16, George Lester Shepherd
138, " 16, Henrietta Katherine Shepherd
139, " 16, Frederick MiltonShepherd
140, " 16, Erma May Hodges

daily school in the basement you will find either a group of women, or a group of girls, or boys doing something; or some one practicing her piano lesson, or a group of young people rehearsing for an entertainment, or the choir rehearsing for Church service, or the organist trying the organ, or young men playing pool, or deliberating in regard to winning a baseball game, or committee meetings of Poles or of Americans, or Boy Scouts learning the art of wireless telegraphy by their buzzers, or a Sunday School Class meeting, or a meeting of camp-fire girls, or merry-making in the basement.

It is a busy place, St. George's is, throughout the week; but especially on Sundays when there are from five to six services, and Sunday School and a Baptism now and then. Would that more people came to Church services more largely to worship God.

It has been estimated by our City Water Bureau that 50,000,000 gallons of water are wasted each day through leaks. In 57,013 homes inspected there were found 9149 leaks. By repairing these leaks 9,000,000 gallons of water could be saved daily. Still this is but a loss in dollars and cents to the taxpayers. But think of the waste of manhood and womanhood through the moral and spiritual leaks in so many homes! If these leaks could be stopped, and the spiritual energy of so many intelligent men and women now wasted would be utilized in the service of God and humanity, what a paradise this world would be! The waste of manhood and womanhood in one Lord's Day fully explains the high cost of life

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which sin and wickedness so cruelly exact on all other days. The world in its dance of death will never know how much it is indebted for its existence to the few faithful. One young man who gives of his time as teacher and leader of boys, one young woman who gives her time as teacher and leader of girls, for Christ's sake, is worth more to the world than a thousand who do not; and one Christian home is of more importance to the world than a thousand godless ones. And this fact is the hope of civilization.

SOME SAYINGS OF CHRIST

"And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

"This do (referring to the Lord's Supper) in remembrance of me."

"Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

"My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it."

"Where is your faith?"

"Return to thine house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee."

"Whom say the people that I am?"

"But whom say ye that I am?"

"Whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own self?"

"No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."

"Take heed, and keep yourselves from all coveteousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesses."

"Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. Yet seek ye His kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you."

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for to such belongeth the kingdom of God."

"Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, even God."

"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

May 2—The Guild.

May 9—Miss Mercedes Holland, in Memoriam.

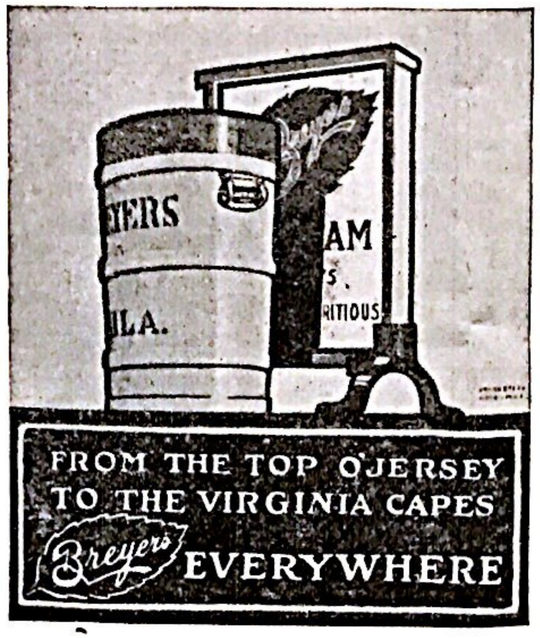
May 30—Mrs. Charles Parker, in Memoriam.

There is nothing more appropriate and beautiful than the placing of flowers in memory of the departed dear ones on the altar in the House of God. It is not to the dead bodies that flowers are dedicated, but to the spirits of the departed who live. They live because Christ our Saviour lives. And, surely, if there is such a thing as communion of spirits both of the living and of the dead, which indeed is as we believe, that

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fellowship is in the Church of the living Christ, especially at the time of public worship. The proper place therefore for flowers in memory of the departed is the altar in the Church.

CHAPEL (Venango) NEWS

Our women of the Chapel Mission, Venango, are to be highly commended upon their liberal presentation to the United Offering their six months contribution of $20.50. Miss Katherine C. Coulter is their Parish Treasurer.

The formation of an Advisory Board to aid Mr. Sladen in carrying on the work of the Chapel is a departure in the right direction. Much good will be done through the help of a devoted band of loyal workers willing to shoulder responsibility for the welfare of the Chapel. The Advisory Board now consists of Messrs. Karcher, Pogson and Hanson. May God's blessing rest upon their endeavors.

The returns to the Sanitary Improvement Fund should be made on or before the last Sunday, July 27th. The amount aimed at, and which is asked for, and which is necessary to pay for the improvements is $250. If everybody will do his or her share we ought to go over the top rejoicing. Let us all do the right thing, and then come together on July the 27th to the Chapel to rejoice in our well-doing with thanksgiving to God.

Our Troop of Girl Scouts will give a delightful entertainment for the benefit of the Chapel Friday evening, June the 11th. Admission 25 cents.

These Scout girls have been loyal to their calling since their organization. They have just given $10 to the Chapel treasury. Their activities have been most wholesome under their splendid leaders; and they know how to entertain. Accept their invitation. Remember the date, June 11th. Be on hand early with your friends, and you will not regret it.

There are not enough teachers to take charge of the classes in the Sunday School. We call for volunteers who love our Chapel and our children to give their service in the Sunday School. Service in the Sunday School is real service, and it should be rendered wholeheartedly by any one who can possibly give the time. Many hours are wasted at home on Sunday afternoon by those who could use them profitably both to themselves and our children in the Sunday School. We do not ask you to come to enjoy yourself, but we ask you to come and serve in God's vineyard; in teaching God's truth to our children.

There is an arrangement made by our young people to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Chapel on Thursday evening June the 24th. Save this date.

We are very glad that we shall be able to continue the excellent Kindergarten work in the Chapel basement through the kind help of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook. But we must have also the co-operation and support of the children's parents. The fathers and mothers whose children have been graduating our Kindergarten, know the value of the excellent training their little ones have been receiving in the Kindergarten under Miss Ott, and will do everything they can to help to perpetuate the good work in their neighborhood.

Our men are invited to the Corporate Communion to be administered Sunday morning, June 13, at 10.45 o'clock. A special effort should be made by all men to be present at this Communion.

Beginning with June 6th, and continuing throughout the summer months, the Sunday School will hold their sessions at 9.30 A. M.; and Morning Prayer with sermon will be at 10.45 A. M.

The Primary Department of the Sunday School will continue in the afternoon as usual under Miss Coulter's supervision.

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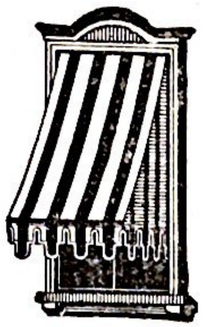
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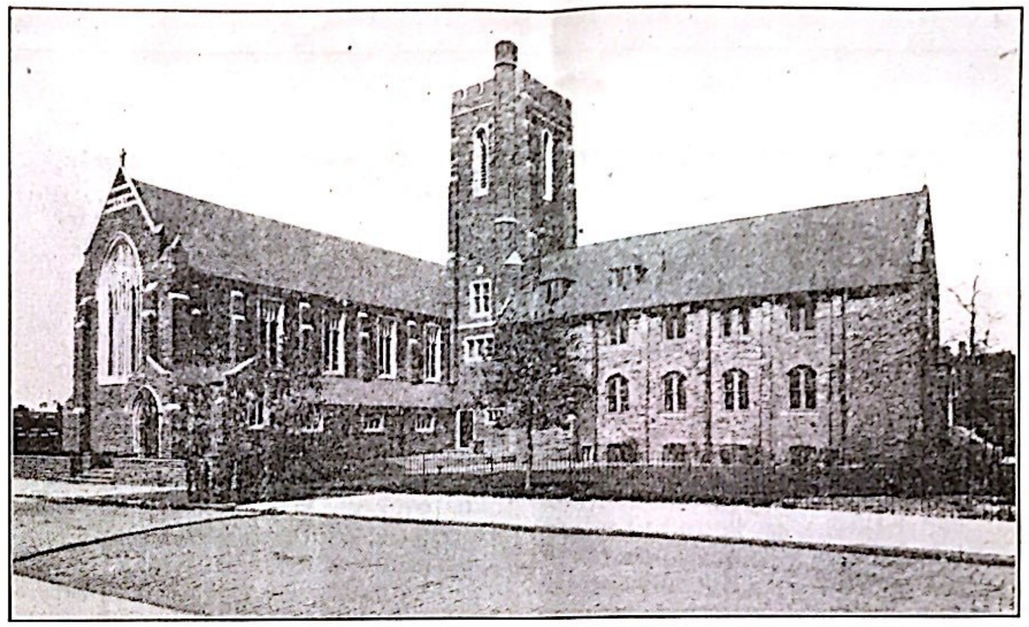
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THE FLAG POLE

How one good deed is followed by another is well illustrated by the latest event in our parish life. Start a good thing going, and other good things, maybe, still better things, are bound to follow. In life there is no action without consequences. Nothing stands alone. It works either for good or ill. Build a church, and religion is stimulated in the community. Erect a library, and a taste for reading follows in the community, and reading leads to thinking, and thinking leads to freedom. Erect a public school, and you breed the American spirit among the people. Open a saloon, and degradation and vice and crime are spreading around it. Start a school garden, and it is followed by a growing love for flowers and for making things grow.

When after some years of solicitation and unabated effort we succeeded in getting the playground for our community, we thought its object was accomplished. Its object was recreation for our people; a thing most necessary, especially for our young people. And this object has been attained beyond expectation.

But this deed of getting the playground does not end there. It now beckons to the people of our community, and calls upon them to do even a greater deed; namely, to sanctify this playground by planting thereon a flag pole, bearing high our common symbol of patriotism in honor and in loving memory of the living and the dead who served in the World War.

What we need most of all in these days, good friends, is to spiritualize our earthly life; to make it symbolic of life eternal; to put a spiritual meaning in whatever we do; to be with God in our recreation as well as in our worship, and to find some common ground on which we can all stand as children of our Father. And if we cannot do so conveniently in worship, we can do so in our social recreations by giving the playground the meaning symbolized in the flag pole holding up high the American flag.

It is with gladness of heart, therefore, that we make record of the fact that our Fathers' Meetings, under the devoted leadership of Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, have initiated the movement in our community to raise the money for the purchase and the erection of a flag pole and U. S. flag on our playground, at Cedar and Ann streets, to be dedicated on Thanksgiving Day by the Hon. J. Hampton Moore, Mayor of our city, to the honor of the men who served in the World War.

A contribution of one dollar or more will place the donor on the honor roll, and secure him a certificate suitable for framing, and to be kept as a worthy souvenir for years to come. The object is to have this souvenir find its way into every home of our community. We feel sure, knowing the people of Richmond, that when the time comes we shall have the greatest community Thanksgiving Day ever seen in Philadelphia.

FELLOWSHIP

Everybody wants happiness, but not everybody knows how to get it. To some people happiness comes; others have to acquire it; but to none is happiness denied, for all have the capacity for it.

There are some parts of the world where roses grow naturally, while in other parts they have to be cultivated. But we can have roses anywhere, whether grown naturally, cultivated or imported.

So it is with happiness. God has given us the capacity for happiness and the means to acquire it. He has given us the ability to make up for what nature fails us. Indeed, when you come to think hard, you find that nature which seems to give happiness and joy to all other creatures cannot keep men and women happy. Nature with all its wealth and pleasures has failed to keep mankind happy. It may give them its pleasures, but it cannot keep them happy. If nature could keep men and women happy, you and I would have never heard the name of God, nor ever seen a temple or a church. It is because nature fails to satisfy the inmost cravings of the human heart that mankind has sought to find God from the beginning.

Now, God has made fellowship the law of human happiness. We all know that fellowship is the door to happiness, and all can enter therein. All have the same opportunity, if they be willing to pay the same price. The price is: To give what you wish to be given you. If you want happiness, give happiness to others. Study and plan, and try to be helpful to others; learn the lesson of true fellowship, and you will have joy in abundance. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give unto your bosom. For with what measure you mete it shall be measured unto you again."

The old cistern pump gave me the first practical lesson in fellowship. Pump ever so hard I could not raise any water from the cistern until I had first poured some water into the pump. My second practical lesson in true fellowship I learned not in lodges, but in and through the Church. Come to Church with the determination to help others, and you will be helped a hundred fold. Come to Church to be sociable and show your fellowship, and happiness will steal into your home through the window. For your fellowship with men will be incomplete unless it is also linked with your fellowship with God.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Flowers for the altar were provided as follows:

July 4, Mrs. Charles Parker.

July 11, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Moffatt, in memory of their mother.

Through the month of August, the Women's Guild.

September 5 and 12, Miss Ann Vautier, in memory of her mother and sister.

September 19, Mr. and Mrs. Findlater Thompson, in memory of their son; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauder, in memory of their son.

September 26, Mrs. William Schwendemann, in memory of her husband.

Most merciful Father, who hast been pleased to take unto thyself the souls of thy children and servants; Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that having served Thee with constancy on earth, we may be joined hereafter with them, and in company with Thy blessed saints in glory everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Flowers placed on the altar in the Church in memory of our departed friends and relatives is a custom so appropriate and beautiful, so Christian and spiritual, that it should be kept alive and perpetuated in St. George's Church. For beautiful and proper as it is to place flowers on the graves of the dead, it is even more beautiful and more proper for Christian people to place flowers on the altar in the House of the Living God in sweet memory of the living souls with whom we hope some day to be reunited. For we believe in the Holy Catholic Church and the communion of saints.

Our Altar Guild, a company of faithful women in charge of the altar, meets monthly on Wednesday evening. Women are welcome to become members of the Guild by application and the payment of ten cents a month. Mrs. Piere Clews, 2911 Chatham street, is president of the Altar Guild.

An entertainment of moving pictures will be given by our Women's Guild in the Parish House, Friday evening, October 8, at 8 o'clock sharp. Be sure to get your ticket in time. The pictures will be exceedingly interesting.

Our Annual Parish Hallowe'en Party is booked for Friday evening, October 29th. This great merrry-making occasion in our Parish has grown year by year both in interest and proportion. There is reason to expect that the coming Hallowe'en festival will exceed in fun and entertainment all those gone by. Let us make it so. Let us have one worthy of St. George's name.

Inform your little girls that the Junior Auxiliary is holding its meetings every Monday after school at 3.30 o'clock. Just let them come once and they will be glad to come again, to spend a profitable hour or more under faithful instructors.

RALLY DAY

Sunday, October 3, is our Rally Day. It is the beginning of our fall activities and Church life, at the close of vacation season. It is proper that we should begin our activities in the Church right. Should we not make this day a day of united thanksgiving and prayer and praise to God in the Church for all our enjoyments throughout the summer? And in what better way can we observe this day than by coming to Holy Communion in the morning and to our Choral Service in the evening?

And we must not forget our children. The Sunday School rally day service will be held on the same day in the Church, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. You should get them ready for that service, and impress upon their minds the importance of it. This you can, and ought to do, by your example.

Our Special Fund Committee is desirous of completing its work and making its final report to the congregation. The Committee, therefore, asks all those who have not yet done so, to redeem their pledges at their earliest convenience.

The young people who have made such a hit last season in their musical comedy "Stranded," are rehearsing for another musical comedy, entitled "The School of Nations," to be given in the Parish House Thursday and Friday evenings, November 3-4.

Our Boy Scouts are taking up seriously the construction of a wireless station with office in the parish house. When it is put in operation we shall be able to get messages from distant places and the high seas.

There is really no need of being ruffled at a mistake which might creep into your quarterly statement of your weekly envelope contribution to the support of the Church. All you need to do is report to the office, and it will be rectified with thanks for your loyalty. To be very frank, it is impossible to avoid errors in this world. Even in your own household, do things always go well? Is the oatmeal never scorched? Are the potatoes always baked through? Do your own preserves never go bad on you? Are you never disappointed in a movie? Do you never make a mistake?

Indeed, it is a matter for congratulation to find how few mistakes are made by those who give their time to the keeping of the books, and the making out of quarterly statements for over 400 envelope contributors. All honor and praise is due them.

In the Bible we are taught to put away week by week for the support of the Church as God prospers us. This is one of the many reasons why we who look to the Bible for guidance have the weekly envelope system for Church support. If true to your pledge, you will put your contribution into the envelope every Saturday evening; and you will either bring it yourself, as your offering on Sunday, or use some other way to get it to the Church, if you cannot come. Or you will hold it over to the following Sunday, and bring two or three envelopes, as the case may be. The empty envelopes will always tell you how much you owe the Church. Be sure that all of your envelopes bear the same number. The Church treasurer, on his part, tries to keep strict account in his ledger, and he can tell at any time the financial standing in the

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BAPTISMS

No.		
1052	Sept. 5	Kenneth Harvey Freehr
1053.	" 12,	Edward Raymond Yeager
1054.	" 12,	Ella Stewart Tate
1055.	" 17,	Martha Elizabeth Swift
1056.	" 19,	Charles Joseph Utter
1057.	" 26,	Howard James Reinas
1058.	" 26,	Bessie Georgianna Risley

MARRIAGES

No.		
184,	Aug. 31,	John W. Pyfer Dorothy E. Linne
185.	Sept. 4,	Joseph W. Abrams Edna Kohler
183.	Sept. 18,	William White Clara Wentz

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.		
143,	Sept. 19	James McDevitt
144.	" 19,	Thomas Frederick Martin
145.	" 19,	John Gottlieb Seemuller

Church of every member. Thus we have a double system of bookkeeping, as it were, and a double check to avoid mistakes.

Look to your empty envelopes you have on hand, and they will tell you how much you are in arrears. And keep in mind the fact that the more empty envelopes you keep on hand the harder it is for the Church to get along. If, therefore, you have any love for the Church do not multiply your empty envelopes. Go through them now. Do not delay any longer. Straighten out your account with the Church if you have any love for it. Or tell the treasurer frankly that you do not care for the Church, and, therefore, do not care to support it. You may be sure, he will not quarrel with you over it. For it is really a matter between you and God alone. But it seems reasonable to suppose that inasmuch as you are a Christian, or pretend to be one, that you would be fair enough to support lovingly the Church of God to whom you owe all that you have and are.

You see, I am speaking to an imaginary person. But if you are the imaginary person, you can do much to help to wipe out an arrearage of over $600 on our books at the end of this quarter. And be sure that God will bless you in so doing.

We have on hand in the Light and Heat Fund $180.83 toward our coal, gas and electric bills for this winter and the coming year. Received from Mrs. Blohsfield $1, from members of the congregation by blue envelopes $3, Polish congregation $5; total on hand, $189.83.

Not all the blue envelopes for 1919-1920 have been returned, which, of course, makes it hard on the Light and Heat Fund. We trust our people will do better with the blue envelopes just issued for 1920-1921. There is a whole year to do it in. Please regard the Church as your home, and take care of it accordingly.

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Our women's attention, especially those who take part in the Women's United offering, is called to Miss Coulter's letter to the women of the Chapel (Venango) on another page of this issue.

A square deal for the Church is all that we plead for. A sensible understanding of the value of the Church to the community is all that we pray for. Deal with the Church as you would people should deal with you. Be true to the Church, and you will surely be true to yourself and to your children. Stand by the Church, and you will stand by your home and your country. Do the right thing in this world, and you will have no fear when you are called to the world beyond. Have heaven in your heart here, and you will be in it hereafter.

We have all been shocked one Sunday morning to hear that a husband killed his wife and then killed himself, leaving their three little children desolate. Does any one imagine for a moment that such a catastrophe to a home would happen if the parents had been faithful members of St. George's Church? Who can deny the ill effect of this wicked deed on community life? It is an irreligious atmosphere that breeds vice and crime. It is a religious atmosphere that kills vice and crime, and breeds peace and joy. Who is responsible for the creation and maintenance of such an atmosphere? Let those who belittle religion and the Church by their indifference to both learn a lesson in life not only from this incident, but also from the many others which make our daily newspapers mostly records of vice and crime.

The brains and education of men who persist in asking the absurd questions about Cain and Jonah and the Whale in the Bible are not superior to those of the little girl who, when her older brother pointed to a bright little star and told her that it was bigger than the whole world, would not believe it, but asked the staggering question: "If the little star was bigger than the whole world, why did it not keep off the rain?"

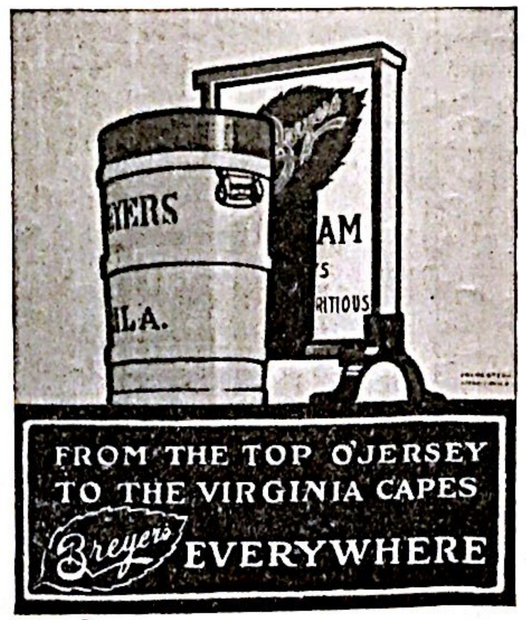
If this should catch the eye of a person who is inclined to help in the Sunday School, as a teacher or otherwise, we beg him most earnestly to interview the Superintendent of the Sunday School or the pastor, who will do everything to remove, if possible, any difficulty which may lie in the way. For we do need teachers to take care of the classes and to look after the welfare of our children.

It should be the ambition of our congregation to build up a large church choir to foster the singing habit among ourselves, and to promote fine Church music. In Mr. Eayre we have a faithful and enthusiastic organist and choirmaster. Fathers and mothers may be of great service both to the Church and their children to encourage them to join St. George's choir.

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CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

To the women of St. George's Chapel, Venango.

Dear Friends:

The time has come again for the gathering of the "Blue Box" money, our gift that is to speak our thankfulness to God, thankfulness for our homes and dear ones, for our health and the blessed privilege of working with God. For we are working with God when we try to bring the Gospel, the Good News, to those who need it; and everlasting joy to those who are thirsting for the knowledge of God's love and care. When you consider that those needy and longing souls can learn to know God's love and care through you and me, you can imagine how great is our responsibility. To shirk this responsibility is to turn our back on God our Saviour. (Read Ezekiel 3: 16-21.)

Many have accepted this responsibility, and have gone out themselves, at great sacrifice, to minister personally to those needy peoples. We call them Missionaries, messengers of God and His Church; and they are carrying light into darkness against tremendous odds and difficulties. They look to us for support and encouragement; and oh, how often we, the "stay-at-homes," instead of helping them hinder their work by our indifference. And this is our grievous sin, because by indifference we really hinder God's work. Now, this hindering of God's work is just as sinful as lying, or stealing, or the breaking of any other commandment. Not to be with God is quite often to be against Him.

Your gift to Missions by means of the "Blue Box," no matter how small, is very big in the eyes of God, when it is given in the spirit of love for Him. For your gift is measured by your love for God, and will be so accepted by Him to your everlasting joy. (Read St. Matthew 25: 31-46.)

He comes again. O Sion, ere thou meet Him, make known to every heart His saving grace; let none whom He hath ransomed fail to greet Him; through thy neglect, unfit to see His face. Publish glad tidings; tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.

K. C. C.

The Girls' Scout Troop had their first meeting of the season Tuesday evening, September 28, and are continuing their meetings regularly every Tuesday. They will be glad to accept applications from girls eligible to membership. This is an exceptional opportunity for girls to add joy to their lives.

Our Annual Hallowe'en Party will be a grand rally, and we hope all will be present. The date will be announced later. We shall have music, dancing and many new and attractive features.

We have received from Mrs. Vanderslice and Mrs. Moore contributions of money for our Parish paper, "The Visitor." We offer to them our sincere thanks, and are glad to receive their help.

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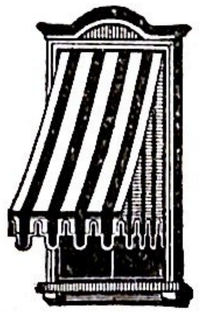
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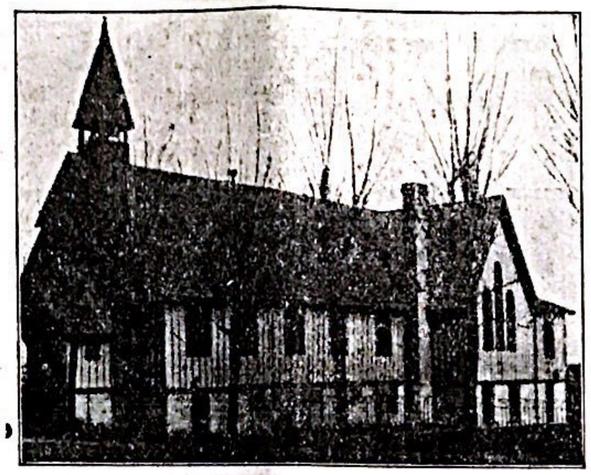
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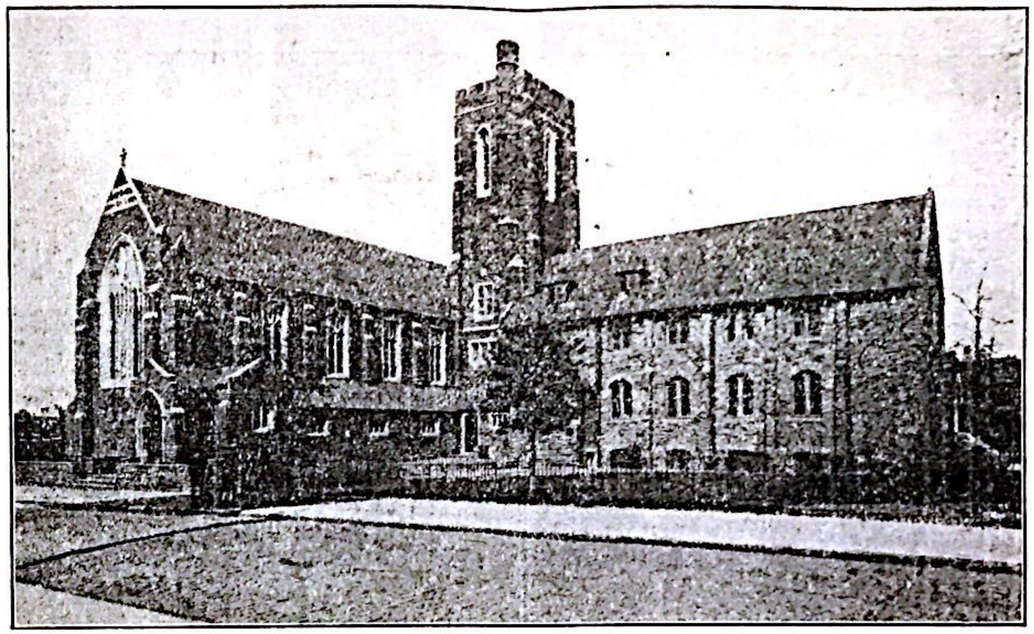
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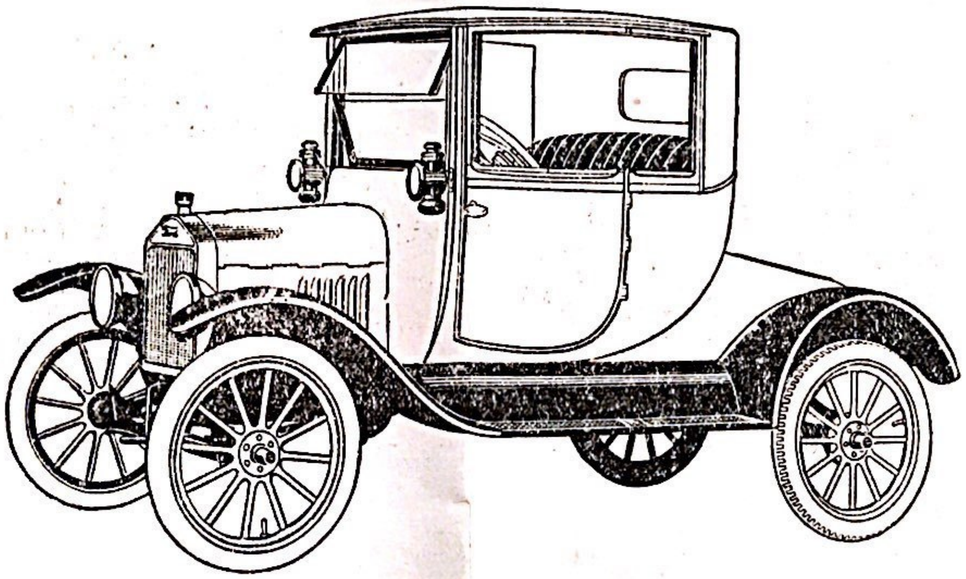
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BEHOLD

Behold this beautiful picture of a real thing. There it stands an outward, visible, tangible sign of an inward, spiritual good will of the people towards their Pastor.

There is more in it than I can tell you within limited space. I could write a book on it; but this picture tells volumes, and speaks more eloquently than I can of the tender feelings of affection mutually cherished by both people and pastor.

For months and months the people, both big and little, have been thinking and working secretly, thinking how they might make the life of their pastor easier and more comfortable, and working in the way love works in carrying out its designs on its beloved. Fathers and mothers are no more diligent on Christmas eve while the children sleep in order to make their joy more full in the morning than were my people in their long preparation of their gift to me on the evening of September 29th. I must have been sleeping, and sleeping hard, for when I awoke suddenly it took me some time to realize it all, with my eyes wide open. For once I was caught napping. And oh! how my people enjoyed it; and to tell the truth my joy was lost in theirs. Neither my people nor I would have missed this occasion for anything in the world.

For the benefit of those who were not present I shall state briefly just how it was.

I was lured away to have supper with a family whom I have not visited for a long time, and kept there till 8 P. M. On my return home I was grabbed at the door and ushered into the big room filled with people singing a hymn. I thought surely this was a grand surprise party. Then I was told to offer up a prayer which I did. Then I was told to sit down which I did also. Then we had some solos by our young people. Then it was suggested that I and the oldest member of the Church lead the congregation to the lawn; and when I opened the door into the lawn I could hardly believe my eyes. There stood the beautiful Ford machine all lit up with electric lights; and I was told that it was mine, a gift from the people. Since then I have been blessing them daily not only for the comfort and increased capacity for work which the auto affords, but still more for the spirit back of the gift, and the gracious way in which it was made. And so I say, thank you.

CONFIRMATION

Once a year the Bishop visits our congreagtion for the purpose of receiving into this Church, by the time-honored custom of Confirmation, or Laying on Hands, as it is termed in the Bible, of such persons who are desirous of making St. George's their home Church.

The Pastor who gives his life to the work of this Church is naturally anxious to present to the Bishop a goodly company of men and women, goodly, both in number and character, who would increase by their faith and fellowship the useful life and activities of our congregation for Christ our Redeemer and Saviour.

In the past we held this service usually on a Sunday; but this year we are to have our Confirmation service on Friday evening, December 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

The people are asked, therefore, to be more diligent in attendance at Church services, and pay particular attention to both morning and evening sermons for the next few Sundays.

Those who have received the Rite of Confirmation are asked to pray earnestly that more men and women may be added to their company on Friday evening, December 3rd.

The Pastor would be glad to be consulted by those who are considering Confirmation; and answer all questions put to him; or help to remove difficulties which may lie in the way.

Let us all pray that no man or woman who esteem our Church be found ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; but rather ready manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his or her life's end.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Confirmation classes for young people are held every Wednesday at 7 P. M. The parents are urged to encourage their children to come to these classes regularly. Parents owe this to their children above all other things. They owe to their children religious education even more than the things which they delight to bestow upon them. If you love your children, do your utmost to raise them in

the Christian religion. That is what God gave you children for; to raise Christian men and women, that His kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven.

You are requested to do everything in your power to help the Pastor to get into communication with man, woman, or child who may be won for Christ.

We must put more life into our Sunday School work. The key to success and joy in the work of the Sunday School is faithfulness of teachers and the co-operation of parents. As a matter of fact, both parents and teachers are responsible to God for the sacred trust committed to them. It is much better to be no teacher at all than to be a faithless teacher. But a faithful teacher is the noblest witness to God, and is blessed for evermore.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The 25th of November should be a most joyous and solemn day in our community. For on that day the formal dedication of the Flag Pole and Flag Raising to the honor and memory of the men of the community who served in the World War will take place.

Our own congregation especially should begin that day right, namely, with the usual Thanksgiving service, at 10.30 A. M., and be ready right after dinner for the solemn ceremonies on Cohocksink Playground, details of which will be announced later. The offertory of the morning service in Church will be devoted to the Episcopal Hospital, also to the Northeastern Hospital. May God's blessing rest upon the doing of that day.

THE FLAG POLE

It should be known that the Flag Pole which is to be dedicated with solemn ceremonies on Thanksgiving Day will be a lasting memorial to the deeds of sacrifice of the men of the community who served in the World War. The pole has been ordered new through the Walworth Manufacturing Company. It is of good steel, and will stand one hundred feet above the ground, and strong enough to bear a thirty-foot U. S. flag.

The Flag Pole, the expense of its erection, the memorial tablet, and of printing, and of the parade, etc., will probably amount to a little more than $1000. This amount is to be raised from the community. Everybody is to be given an opportunity to contribute, and each will receive for his or her contribution a receipt for the money given, and a beautiful certificate bearing a gold seal, and the number of the receipt thereon, suitable for framing.

This is purely a community movement. The memorial is erected on suitable ground by the community and for the community. It is a bond of union. It is a united expression of appreciation of the sacrifices of those who gave themselves for the common cause. We cannot do too much for them in this way; and the comfort which this may give to broken-hearted mothers who have lost their sons in the war who can estimate? Remember that when we are gone this memorial will still stand witness both to those who gave and those

who received. Is there any other movement in which all the people can participate more conscientiously and with more propriety?

You can prove the superiority of your faith, your Christianity, to that of others only by being more just, more kind, more loving and more devout. You cannot prove it by damning others, by criticising others, by holding aloof from others, and by hating others. None of your dogmas, none of your authorities will prove it, nor your forms of worship. There is only one test, the test given us by our Lord Himself: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

The following were promoted from the Primary to the Main Department of the Sunday School: Francis Yeager, William Scheeser, and Leonora Gransback.

The following from the Beginners' to the Primary Department: Helen Hayes, Grace Burset, Maurice Boyer, Ida Buessette, Ingelong Areschoug, George McBride, Mary Schwendemann, William Martin, Joseph Mitchell, Amelia Boyer, Raymond Wirin, Dorothy Layer, Richard Lang, Marion Boyle, Elmer Smith, Rose Thomas, Thomas Hill, Eleanor Martin, Raymond Stott, Cart Salvini, Jennie De Rosa and William Gale.

The following from the Cradle Roll to the Beginners' Department:

Anna C. Hayes, Marie E. Ralston, Catherine M. Ralston, Rebecca Mullin and Mary E. Carswell.

These promotions took place Sunday, October 10th, following our Rally Day.

Advent Sunday comes on November 28th. It has been the custom many years for the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to invite the men of the congregation to the early Holy Communion service, at 8 o'clock, held in many churches.

It would be exceedingly proper to observe this custom in our Church also. A cordial invitation, therefore, is hereby extended to the men of our congregation to attend this Corporate Communion service Advent Sunday morning, November 28, at 8 o'clock.

We should have a quarterly Parish Meeting in our Parish House for sociability and fellowship of the same character we had on the evening of September 29th. The Pastor, of course, will be perfectly content not to get any more automobiles given him on such occasions; but he would love to meet the people, all the people and their families informally once in a while. We trust the Church Council will do their best to bring this excellent proposition into effect in the not very distant future. Let us have for our motto the word "Fellowship," and practice it a little more.

The contributors towards the memorial Flag Pole Fund are requested to display their certificates in their windows, and direct those to whom they issue certificates to do likewise. Let us have a large display of these certificates in the windows of our homes.

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No.
1059, Oct. 3, Kathryn Marie Saybolt
1060, " 10, Harry George Carlille
1061, " 17. John Johnson Boyle
1062, " 17, Raymond Franklin Weldon
1063, " 17, Leonard Bailey Richards
1064, " 17, David Scott Richards
1065, " 17, Paul Stephen Richards
1066, " 17, Kenneth Otto Howell
1067, " 17, Daniel Frazer

BURIALS

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No.
475, Oct. 1, Earl Richard Oechsle
476, " 18, Ella Stewart Tate
477, " 18, Joseph Gray

Gideons. Their representative will address our people at the Sunday morning service, November 14, at 10.30 o'clock. Yourself and friends are asked to come and hear the account of the wonderful work of the Gideons. We ought to have a full choir on that occasion.

It is of utmost importance that not only the members of the Fathers' Meeting, but all men interested in the Flag Pole Memorial Fund attend our meetings held every Thursday at 8 P. M.

OUR ANNUAL FAIR

Will be held Friday and Saturday, December 10-11. Every effort should be made from now on to carry it through successfully. Donations are acceptable. Among other things will be also a table with things for rummage sale. If you have anything you can give towards that table send it to the Parish House, or let us know, and we shall send for it.

It is a pleasure to record the two Hallowe'en parties given in our Parish House the last week in October. One was made up of our children, about two hundred of them, on Monday evening. It was the most joyous occasion of the year. They were all costumed and masked. To move among them was like moving in a fairy land crowded with laughing children. And you could not tell which were the boys and which were the girls. Thelma Baumgardner received the first prize and Eleanor Martin the second for the finest costume, and Myrtle Myers for the most comic one; and Mildred Corriston and Myrtle Maharg were awarded the fourth prizes.

The other Hallowe'en party took place on Friday evening, made up of adults who were as joyful as the children. It was the best party in the history of our congregation, the best and the finest.

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past, $23.66, was presented at the service held in the Church House, Thursday morning, October 28. The total offering of the women of the Diocese for the six months at that service was $6508.71. This contribution made by the women of our Church is used for the support of missionary work done by women. It is the women's greatest work in the Church.

A bunch of keys has been found in the Parish House, and is held to be called for by the owner.

The Flower Memorials on the Altar for October are as follows:

October 17, Mrs. Parker, in memory of her children. Also Mrs. Barr, in memory of her sister.

October 23, Mrs. Didrickson, in memory of her son John. Also Mrs. Parker, in memory of her children.

October 31, Mrs. Lang, in memory of her sister. Also Mary E. Lang, in memory of her mother.

We are glad that our people have taken up this beautiful custom of placing flowers on the Altar in the House of God in memory of the departed dear ones. It is truly Christian.

Our Choirmaster, Mr. Eayre, will entertain applicants for our Choir. We trust our people will advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Eayre can be seen every Tuesday evening in the Parish House and on Sundays.

It is a pleasure to announce the organization of a Junior Marine Corps in St. George's of boys from 11 years up. It is one of the finest boys' organizations in the country. The chief officer of this movement in this city is Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, and the officers in immediate charge of our company are Major J. H. Clinton and Lieutenant Fred. Fugazzi, both former service men. This is a voluntary organization with no obligations to the Government. It is for all boys, and its object is to instil in them clean-cut manhood. We commend this organization to all the parents who love their boys well.

Last reported in the Light and Heat Fund, $189.83. Received from Miss Gladys Burnside, $2; Basket Ball, 50c; Women's Guild, $2; Mrs. Silas Barth, $1. Congregation by blue envelopes, $21. Total, $216.33. You will help much if you will send in the envelopes not yet returned.

The net proceeds, so far, from our last Block Party are $322.73. Considering the weather difficulties overcome, this is a fine showing of the efforts made by those

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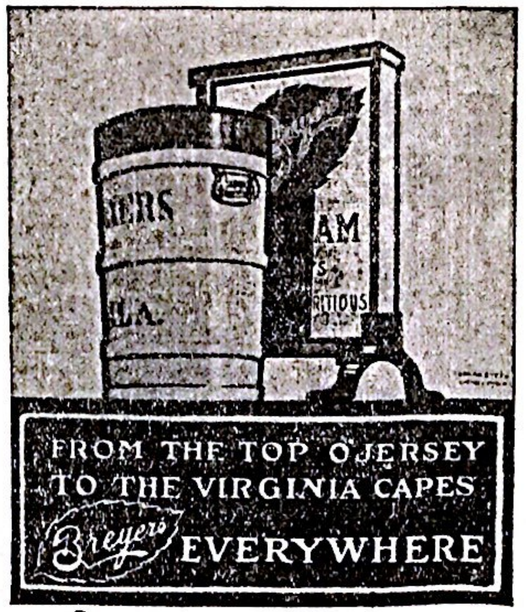
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who worked. There is a lot of undisposed things left, probably to the amount of nearly $100.

How many of our girls wish to form a Girls' Scout Troop in St. George's Church? Those who wish to do so will please get into communication with the Pastor without delay. This great movement seems to grow throughout the nation; and we ought to have an honorable place in any movement which commends itself to the American people; for we are Americans.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Bishop Rhinelander will come to the Chapel for Confirmation, Sunday evening, January 9. This is a precious opportunity for those who have not yet been confirmed, Those who are considering the value of it should speak to Mr. Sladen about it, and do their best to attend the talks on the subject, and also the Church services.

The Rev. Mr. Arkin will administer Holy Communion on the Second Sunday in this month at 8 A. M. in the Chapel.

Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held in the Chapel at 10 A. M. Let us come, and together give thanks to God for the year's blessings.

In the afternoon of this day the solemn dedication of the memorial Flag Pole and Flag Raising on Cohocksink playground, Cedar and Ann, will take place, in honor and memory of the men who served in the World War. This will be preceded by a grand parade at Allegheny and Richmond. Have you secured a Certificate as your badge of honor? If not, do it now. We want our Boy and Girl Scouts to be in the parade. Get ready. Be prepared.

Troop No. 38 of the Chapel has re-registered for another year, and its activities in Scoutcraft, both indoors and outdoors, is growing Dr. Geo. E. Shaffer will instruct them in first aid; and they are gathering a collection in woodcraft and natural science.

Our Annual Fair for current expenses of the Chapel will be held in December. Let us work hard to make it the best of all.

October 24 was observed as memorial day of the late Mr. Barnes, and the Altar was decorated with flowers by Mrs. Karcher.

Some necessary and valuable repairs to the stove and windows in the basement were made by Emil Karcher, Ellwood Korn, Charles Griess and Benny Karcher.

The gas fixtures and range in the kitchen have been fixed. We really need electric lights.

The roof has been fixed at an expense of nearly $300. And we must make every effort to pay the bill.

Some of our women have started a fund for the regular cleaning of the Chapel. $1 per month is still needed. Who will offer to secure that?

Our Hallowe'en party Friday, October 29, was the best ever given in the Chapel. There was a show of costumes of many nations. The Girl Scouts contributed much to the beauty of decorations. The music of mandolin, guitar and piano was excellent, and the Italian songs by Nicolas Frascello were enjoyed by all.

Our choir mother has a son, just arrived, whose voice has been tried and gives promise of future usefulness in the choir.

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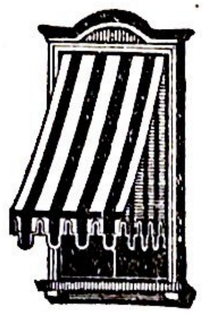
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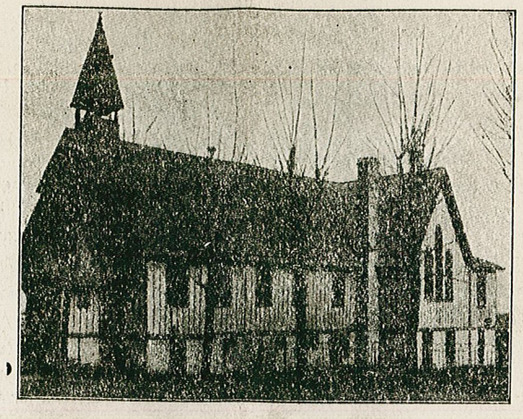
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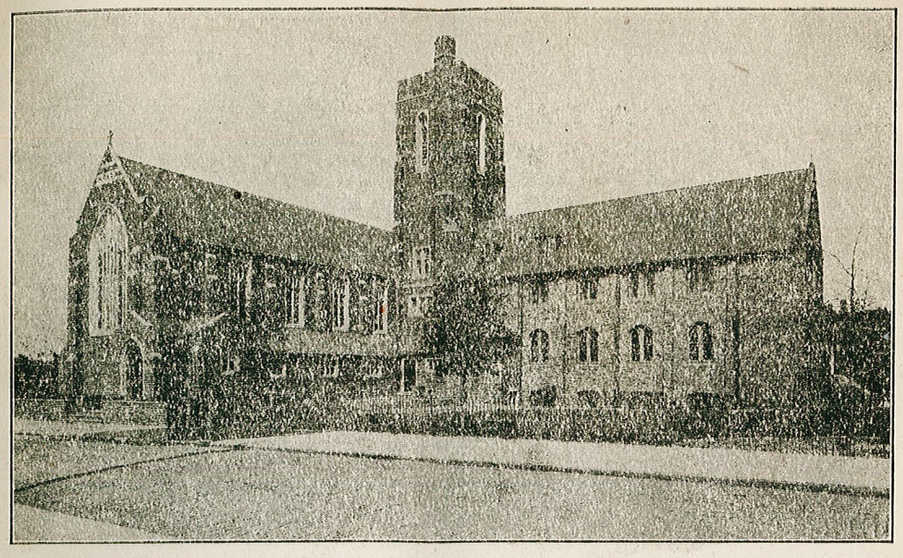
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ADVENT

The last Sunday in November this year was Advent Sunday. It is the beginning of the Church year, because it marks the beginning of the coming of Christ into the world. It is therefore a season of preparation, preparation of Christian people for the celebration of the birth of our Lord on Christmas day.

The season of Advent, therefore, lasting four weeks, carries with it an atmosphere of solemnity which suggests to Christian people serious meditation. It is a period of self-examination. It is a season of house-cleaning of the heart, and the setting spiritual things in order. Christian people take as it were an inventory of their lives, reviewing the year's life gone by, taking into account the errors and omissions of the past year to make amends, and fill up the gaps which sin has wrought.

To Christian people this is necessary if they are to taste the real joys of Christmas.

The Church is the only institution in the world who perpetuates by its observances the life and teachings of our Lord Jesus, the Saviour of mankind. It commemorates every event in His life by special services throughout the year beginning with Advent and followed by Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity and the Sundays following it. The Church also observes by special services the memorial days of the Apostles and other persons relating to the orgin and foundation of the Christian religion.

No American would consent to the abolition of Independence Day, which this nation observes on July fourth, or to the doing away with Washington's Day or Lincoln's Day or Decoration Day; for if these days cease to be formally observed all the things for which these days stand will be forgotten. The precious things which the American nation holds most dear would be remembered no more by the coming generations made up largely of other peoples with other histories and ideals, and the American nation would be drifting, God knows whither.

And so it would be with the Christian religion and its Founder if the Church did not observe formally and regularly the days commemorating the life of our Lord and the important events which took place in consequence of His coming. Let *all* the people stop going to Church on the Lord's Day, and the Churches close, and to all human reasoning it is but a matter of time when Christ, and all the things for which He stands, would be forgotten, and Christian religion would gradually turn into clever barbarism.

Do you know that when you stay away from Church you are lending your help to that very end?

Save by reason of sickness or death you have no cause, as a Christian, to absent yourself from Church services. All the other reasons, hundreds of them, thousands of them, which you and others may give for staying away from Church are recorded in heaven as lies. Not one of them can stand the test of truth when put side by side with our Lord's words "This do in remembrance of Me."

These words of our Lord should burn in our hearts as fire at the beginning of this new Church year and thereafter.

OUR FATHERS' MEETING

There is one thing which this association of men has done that will stand to its credit as long as the sun endures. And that is the inauguration of the movement, and the carrying it to a successful issue, of the purchase and erection of a hundred foot steel flag pole on our public playground in honor and memory of those of our community who served in the World War.

The Fathers' Meeting strove in every way to make this a community expression of appreciation of the service rendered by these men and women during the World War; a service which should also be remembered by the children who are to sport on the playground in sight of this consecrated flag pole flying on high the American flag in days to come.

The formal dedication ceremonies took place on Thanksgiving Day. They were preceded by a parade headed by Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, marshal; Rev. A. J. Arkin, and Major J. H. Clinton of the Junior Marines, his aids. The parade was led by the splendid Police Band and five mounted policemen. They were followed by the Greenwood Post of the American Legion in uniform, a Battery of two cannon of Col. Fred Taylor Camp Sons of Veterans, mounted, the Junior Marine Corps, our two troops of Boy Scouts of St. George's (Venango and Richmond), and Pt. Richmond Council No. 234 Fraternal Patriotic Americans, who also donated the flag raised.

The parade reached Cohocksink playground, Cedar and Ann Sts., about 3 o'clock, where there were more than 3000 people waiting in spite of the drizzling rain.

Rev. Theodore W. Bare, pastor of the Richmond Methodist Church, opened the ceremonies with prayer. Dr. Edward James Cattell, most beloved by all, was the speaker of the day. The dedication address was made by Frank W. Melvin, Esq., formerly first lieutenant, Twenty-sixth Infantry, First Division. Hon. Ernest L. Tustin, Director of Public Welfare, representing the Mayor, accepted the memorial gift for the city. At the flag raising service men from League Island fired a salute thrice. The school children also solemnly saluted the Flag. Rev. A. J. Arkin who acted as chairman closed the ceremonies with a few remarks and the benediction. The audience, led by the Police Band, sang The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Onward Christian Soldiers, Star Spangled Banner and America, at proper intervals.

It was a great day for our neighborhood. It was a greater day for all who worked hard to bring it about. It will continue to be a source of deep satisfaction to them

all through life. And future generations will bless them in their doing.

When all bills are paid the effort will cost about $900. Most of this sum has been raised by popular subscription. In return each contributor of one dollar or more was given a beautiful certificate suitable for framing. The names of all thus contributing will be inscribed on a Roll of Honor. As the full amount has not yet been raised there is opportunity, for all who wish, to enroll themselves on the list of contributors and secure the certificate good enough to adorn the walls of any home.

There is about $150 yet to be raised, and judging from the liberality and public spirit of the people of Richmond there ought to be no difficulty in raising this sum.

Honor to the men who have worked hard for this splendid memorial.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Advent Sunday, the nineteenth anniversary of the pastor of this Church, it was good to have fifty men attend the early corporate Communion, followed by a light breakfast, a sort of love feast, and a renewal of Christian fellowship. May God bless the work of this Church in the future also.

The Annual Fair will take place Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11. Everybody should lend a helping hand to make it a success. There will be among other things a rummage table for which articles are solicited. The women will gave a sauer-kraut supper on Saturday, 5 to 8 P. M. Come; you will be welcome.

Christmas is the day on which Christian people commemorate the birth of the Saviour, and rejoice therein. There is therefore no place more appropriate in which to begin the celebration of this feast than the Church. For it is for the Church that our Lord was born. It is for the Church that our Lord died on the Cross, and it is for the Church that He rose again. And He instituted Holy Communion in which we may remember Him and in which we may be united with Him in spirit, "that He may dwell in us, and we in Him."

All Christians therefore are called upon to attend divine worship on Christmas Day.

We shall have Holy Communion at 8 A. M. and Sermon and Holy Communion at 10.30 to which you are specially invited.

New Year's Day also has its peculiar solemnity for right-thinking people, a solemnity which also turns our mind to God from whom all the issues of life come. Every new year is a gift from God, and with it He also gives us the ability and freedom to shape our own lives. Moreover He helps us in well-doing. It is fitting therefore that we begin the year with prayer and praise in the House of God. We shall therefore have morning service at 10.30 o'clock, to which you are specially called.

Fellowship is the sweetest thing in life. But sweeter still is Christian fellowship. It is difficult to attain it in any large measure in this world of sin and selfishness, but it is well worth striving for. We can certainly have the benefit of trying. One of the first steps to it would be stated and regular parish meetings, held informally, the kind we had in the never-to-be-forgotten evening of September the 29th, when nearly one-half of our people gathered in one large family to greet the pastor and to make his heart glad. The result was we were *all* glad. Let us have these parish meetings at least every quarter of the year.

The organization of the Junior Marine corps in this Church under the guidance of Major Biddle and immediate supervision of Major Clinton has surpassed in success all our expectations. Much of this is due to the capable drilling and management of Lieutenants Fred Fugazzi, Charles A. Higgins, and Frank Mason, former service men. This is purely a voluntary organization, and is under no obligation to the government. It is for all boys of eleven years up. Its object is the development of clean-cut manhood and clean living. It is remarkable to see how the boys like it. The number of the company has grown to sixty within the last few weeks, and still they come.

Flowers for the Altar during November were provided as follows:

November 14, by the Altar Guild in memory of the Gold Star boys on the Church Service Flag. Also by Mrs. Pierre Clews in memory of her three nephews killed in the World War.

November 21, Mrs. Harry Snyder in memory of her husband.

November 25, Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. Jennie Parker in memory of William and Elsie Parker.

There is nothing more beautiful and more lovely than to remember our departed kinsfolk by this custom.

Judging from the receipts so far in hand the Thanksgiving Day offering of our people will run over $100. This is the largest Thanksgiving Day offering in the history of our Mission.

The Community Girls' Club are doing some fine bead work under the competent direction of Miss Emma Maxwell. The girls are planning to give a Christmas party to the children of the neighborhod similar to the one they gave last year. Nobody can ever get lonesome among these girls. They are all handsome, bright and cheerful. If you have the blues, visit the Community Girls' Club. This general invitation is to girls only. Others have to wait for a special invitation.

In spite of its being so common it is hard to get used to the work of destruction carried on by children in our neighborhood. There is evidence of studied malice in much of this destruction such as digging holes in the lawn; pulling out bushes, leaving them to die; crushing flower beds; the utter destruction of our school garden fence; the carrying away of the arbor and the benches used by the teacher and pupils in the summer; the breaking into the tool house, and carrying away tools, and barking a fine young tree with the

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BAPTISMS

No.
1068, Nov. 14, Meredith Price Albertson
1069, " 14, Florence M. Anderson
1070, " 21, Kathryn Wood Stoot
1071, " 21, Wilhelmina Davis
1072, " 21, Catherine Ethel Bibbs
1073, " 28, Elsie Laura Walker

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
478, Nov. 11, Harry Snyder
479, " 18, Jacob Frederick Essig
480, " 22, Samuel Megonigal

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
146, Nov. 21, Russell Elmer Sachs
147, " 21, Carl Edward Horger

stolen hatchet; scratching with nails and broken stone into the polished frame of a new automobile; the breaking into the old bath house, burning up of the doors and turning the pit of the swimming pool into a water closet, the stench of which is poisoning the air, and innumerable other such things. All this within a square from the police station. Only the other day a boy rang the fire alarm just for fun, and made the fire engines fly from all directions. The boy happened to be caught by a civilian passing by. The boys seem to act as if perfectly safe from punishment. They know they are not going to be found out, and they perpetrate their criminal deeds as if under the smiles of their elders.

The apathy of public opinion in this neighborhood to such things and the utter impotency of the police to cope with the problem, both due doubtless to inherited traditions, are the two chief reasons that a crop of criminals is being raised in the midst of us to take the places of those who are being hunted down by the police elsewhere.

It would be interesting, if it were possible—and why should it not be possible?—to trace these criminally inclined boys to their homes. This may go a long way to stem the tide of wickedness and crime in days to come.

He who loves Christ, for Himself, for what He stands, for what He has done and for what He is doing for men, women and children, will never have a reason for staying away from Church services. Nor will he ever take the trouble to seek for such a reason. But he will take every trouble to remove every difficulty and every obstacle which may stand in his way of going to Church. He will pray to God that He may help him to remove such hindrances, even at the cost of something he may like. The love of Christ will constrain him to make the way to Church clear and straight. For if you love

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Just a minute ago I opened the parish house door to observe the weather, and saw three boys, about 13 and 15 years old, searching the auto which stood in front of the parish house. They did not see me, and I watched their doings. They were searching for something to take away. They tried diligently to detach anything they could lay their hands on. I watched them patiently. One of them tried to unscrew the clock in the front seat. When they looked up and saw me watching them I saw their faces were those of hardened criminals. They looked me straight in the face. There was no policeman in sight. It was in broad daylight. I moved towards them and they slowly receded. They knew they could run better than I. I followed them, and they slowly moved towards Ann Street and towards Somerset Street. I did not pursue them further.

Does any one reading this think for a moment that these boys are members of a Sunday School? Will Sunday games which keep children from Sunday School make them any better than these three young candidates for the penitentiary?

It is so good to turn to an entirely different picture. On Advent Sunday our Sunday School children of the Beginners' and Primary Departments collected a lot of groceries, valued at $10, as their donation to the Northeastern Hospital. They are the children whom our Lord loves, "for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

St. Paul says: "The wages of sin is death." It does not mean that when one sins he dies, but it means that the inevitable result of sin is undoing, ruin, destruction. This has not yet been contradicted. It has been, it is being ignored by many, but wherever and whenever it is ignored this terrible truth is only reinforced. So true and so terrible is this truth that were it not for the intercession of our Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, all life would end in despair and utter darkness. The whole world would rot in sin, but for the Blood of Jesus Christ which He shed in love "for you and for many for the remission of sins."

"The wages of sin is death." But St. Paul does not stop there. He continues: "But the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." This is what lifts men out of the mire of sin, giving them hope and a new start. But repentance must be honest and sincere.

Some people when they find sin to be sweet try to persuade themselves that St. Paul is wrong, and assume a pose of a smart unbeliever. The Book of Life is thrown overboard. Christ and the Church are counted for naught. The experiences of millions of Christians

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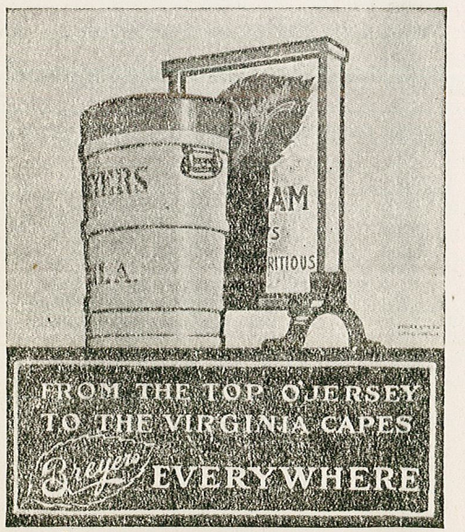
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are delusions; and brazenly and stupidly they say: "Let us eat and drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." But St. Paul says: "Be not deceived, evil companionships corrupt good morals. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God." And St. Paul is right. And as it is written in the Book of Numbers: "Be sure your sins will find you out." And then?

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Bishop Rhinelander will visit our Chapel for Confirmation Sunday evening, January 9, at 7.30 o'clock. This is a privilege offered to all who have not yet been confirmed, and who are moved by the Spirit of God to a closer relationship with the Church. You never make a mistake by following faithfully the footsteps of the early Christians. They had this service of Laying on of Hands by those who had the oversight over Churches, that is the Bishops; and we too ought to keep up this venerable custom of the Apostles. And every one coming to Confirmation is not only strengthening himself in the Spirit of God, but he also helps to strengthen the whole Church. Confirmation is sensible, highly respectable and spiritually helpful.

Those desirous of learning more of Confirmation may consult Mr. Sladen, who will speak on the subject on Friday afternoon, or see the Rev. Mr. Arkin.

The Thanksgiving Day service was well attended, and the music by the choir well rendered, including the anthem, "O Magnify the Lord With Me." The offering devoted to the Episcopal Hospital was $7.73.

We are glad and proud that all of our Sunday School classes of the Chapel have contributed towards the memorial Flag Pole and have received their certificates. The dedication of this Flag Pole and Flag Raising took place on Cohocksink playground, Ann and Cedar Streets, on Thanksgiving, in honor and memory of those of the community who served in the World War. Our Boy Scout Troop No. 38 had a place of honor in the parade preceding the dedication ceremonies, an account of which is given on another page. Those who wish can still secure a certificate, as the Flag Pole fund is not yet complete.

There will be given a Kaffee Klatch at the residence of Mrs. Blum, 3419 Edgemont Street, Friday evening, December 10, for the benefit of the Chapel. A good time is expected. Come and bring your friends.

Envelopes are being sent out to our Chapel people for subscriptions towards the current expenses of the Chapel. This means of raising money for necessary expenses, such as repairs to the roof, was thought to be a better way than a Fair at this time. We look for a liberal response.

Troop No. 38 of our Boy Scouts has placed itself on the Roll of Honor by contributing $5 to the memorial flag pole, and securing a certificate to hang on the walls of their meeting place. The Troop is making rapid strides in scoutcraft following out a program of various activities. The Troop hopes to have shortly all members uniformed, and is planning ways to help any scout who cannot himself procure the necessary equipment. There is an opening for new members.

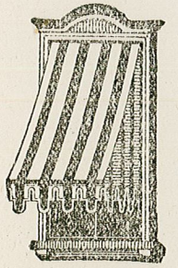
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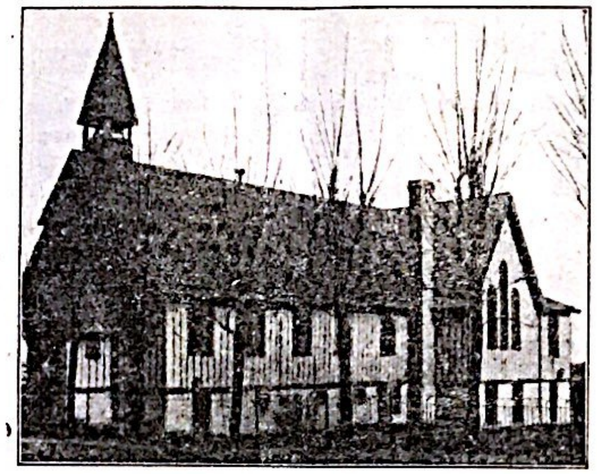
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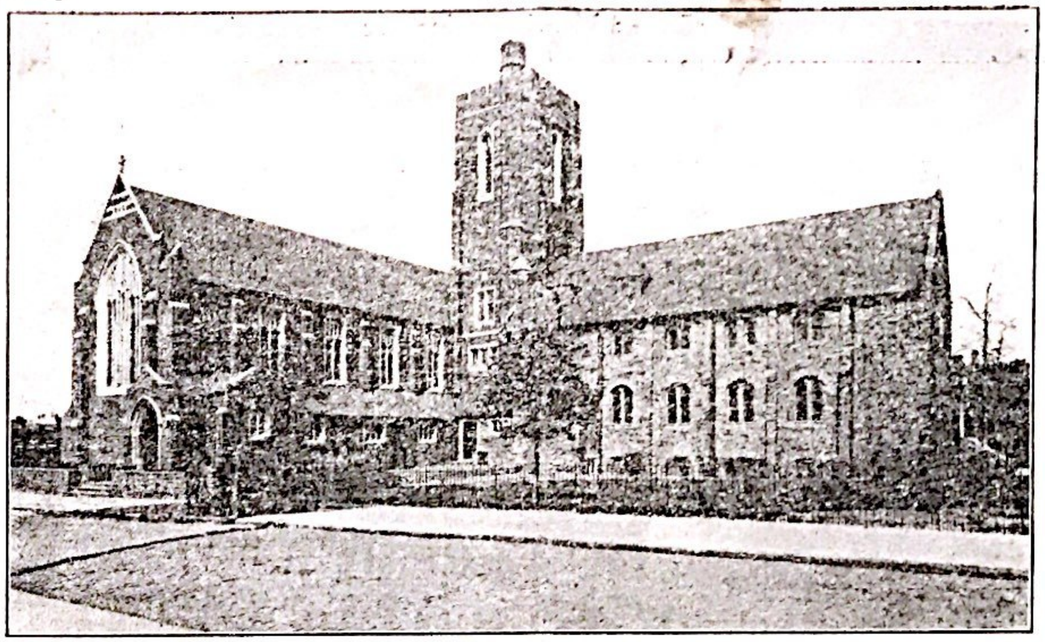
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AN HONEST CONFESSION

I confess this has been the brightest Christmas in all the nineteen years of my missionary work here. And I consider myself among the happy Ministers, if not the happiest among them who find joy in the tokens of appreciation shown them by the people to whom they minister.

And I take this opportunity of thanking from my heart the many parishioners and friends, and especially their children, our children, for their Christmas cards and Christmas gifts which have come to me on Christmas morning. I appreciate profoundly the things sent me for use and confort by some of our parishioners. They are to me a thousand fold their worth. The magnificent basket of fruit given me by the congregation is to me symbolic of future fruitfulness of love, loyalty and good works.

I thank God also for the large attendance of both of our Christmas services and the generous giving of our people. Nor can I forget the unusual fine service rendered by our choir Christmas morning.

All this makes me a happy man, and stirs within me the hope of realizing the long longed-for time when all our people shall recognize the real value of our Church, and use it as a means of bringing comfort and joy and gladness and peace to all the homes of our neighborhood, for the sake of Christ who founded the Church by His Blood that it may be used for this very purpose.

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No year has held in stock for us so many opportunities for growth and improvement as does the New Year. Because at no time has our congregation been so large, and at no time has our Church been so well known among our neighbors, and at no time have we been so well equipped as we are now to do the work which Christ would have us do.

Our Lord says: "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more." The New Year has more opportunities for us, because we are more able to use them. Our capacity for good work has been enlarged in the past year. We cannot stand still. We must grow if we are to enjoy life both individually and as a congregation.

To begin with, we have a Church Council, who while not large is the best we have ever had, and deserves the respect, loyalty and confidence of our congregation. They are a real comfort and help in the growing business of our Church.

Our Fathers' Meeting is a powerful engine for good work both in the Church and community. If all our men would only try their best to utilize this great energy which is stored up in the Fathers' Meeting, which meets every Thursday evening under the leadership of Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, what could we not do in adding interest and joy to our social life, as well as saving souls for eternity.

And what is true of the men is also true of our women's societies, one of which meets on Tuesday afternoon and the other on Wednesday afternoon. There is no better occupation, and no more wholesome recreation, for men and women devoting part of their time and means to the building up of the Church of God and His Kingdom on earth. What better thing could they do for themselves and their children?

Then we have the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, a goodly group of young men full of energy and the greatest possibilities for good. They ought to be a life-saving crew among so many men and boys around us.

And what is true of them is also true of our Girls' Friendly Society. They too ought to be a life-saving crew among so many girls in need of friendship and fellowship all around us.

Then we have our splendid Troop of Boy Scouts, No. 60, well manned and officered, and following up their activity with zeal and much promise.

And what shall we say of our lovely group of girls of the Sunday School going under the name of Class 12? It is a pleasure to be at their meetings on Friday evening. There is no limit to the amount of good work for the Church and for other girls Class 12 can do.

The organization of the Junior Marine Corps has brought together over seventy boys under fine discipline and drill and full of enthusiasm, thanks to the promptness and efficiency of their leaders and officers. What a wonderful opportunity for the cultivation of American manhood! They meet on Monday evening.

The Gymnasium on Tuesday evening started by Mr. Tasker, well versed in all the movements of physical exercises, has already attracted a large number of boys of various ages, and is doing for the health of the boys, and their future welfare, as no other entertainment can do for them.

We must not overlook our Junior Auxiliary, a group of liveliest little girls trooping into the Parish House on the run from the public school Monday afternoon. They certainly enjoy their meetings.

And the older little girls who go by the naime of G. F. S. Candidates, who meet on Wednesday evening after a two hours' work and play.

Add to all these the Girls' Community Club who meet on Monday and Thursday evenings, a Club made up of the finest young ladies of the neighborhood, and which affords to all girls of their age the opportunity of wholesome recreation, pleasure, and training in the amenities of social life, and the making of friends and doing useful things.

Have we overstated the case when we said above that the New Year has more opportunities for us in well-doing than any other gone before?

All that we as Christian people need is to take Christ into our partnership and into our confidence and try to use every opportunity which God offers us in the New

Year. And who can doubt the result?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Girls' Community Club gave a jolly Christmas party to little children Thursday evening, December 23, in the Parish House, and sent them away full of joy. It is not easy to say who enjoyed the party best—the givers or the receivers.

On the Sunday before Christmas the children of the Primary Department of the Sunday School received their Christmas gifts with joy, and the Sunday following they and the other departments were made glad by the distribution of the Christmas candy.

The Beginners' Department, 155 of them, the sweetest little boys and girls in the land, celebrated their Christmas festival separately in the presence of some guests Wednesday afternoon December 29, in the main room of the Parish House, when a beautiful program of entertainment was carried out by the children themselves to the delight of all present.

We all appreciate the fine Christmas decorations in the Church, so nicely planned and so faithfully carried out by Messers. Bingham and McKinley.

St. George's Visitor is not given to the publication of names as a rule; but we cannot refrain from recording the fact that there are among our people, especially among our children of various ages, those who can be rightly big work of our Church. And they characterized, in the words of our Lord, as "the salt of the earth." They find pleasure in helping in the do this without any expectation of reward or praise. It is doubtful whether they themselves know the full measure of love and respect and friendship their doings are storing up in the hearts of those who observe them in their good works. But every little service they render to help in the work of the Church is faithfully recorded on the books of eternity. Some day they will hear it read, and be glad.

The account of the Parish Meeting for which much preparation has been made by the Council will appear in the next issue, since the matter for this issue had to be in the hands of the printer before the meeting had taken place.

The Fathers' Meeting has issued tickets for a dance to be given by them in the Parish House Thursday evening, January 13. They welcome our families and their friends.

Preparations are also made by the Fathers for the anniversary of their organization which will be celebrated on Thursday evening, February 17. On this occasion a supper also is arranged for by the Fathers for their families and friends. Tickets will be issued in due time.

Class No. 12 will hold an election of officers at their first regular meeting on Friday evening after New Year's day.

The Christmas offering of our

people will reach nearly $150. This is the best and most generous Christmas offering in the history of our Mission, and we all are glad of it.

The net proceeds of our annual Fair held in the Parish House December 10-11 amount to nearly $155. This is a fine showing, due to the zealous work of our women. Considering circumstances it overtops our expectations. There is a determination to do even better next time.

Last reported in the Light and Heat Fund $216.33. Received since from Mrs. Brodzinski, $1; Miss Kate Brodzinski, 50 cents; Mrs. W. C. Butts, $1; Walter E. Bibbs, $5; Miss Gladys Burnside, $4; Mrs. Blohsfield, $1; Fathers' Meeting, $6; Mason-Heflin Coal Co., $25; Joseph Hess, $6; Congregation by the Blue Envelopes, $34.50. Total $300.33. We shall need easily as much more.

For many years this Church has been maintaining, purely for the benefit of the people of the neighborhood both a Coal Savings Fund and a Stamp Savings Fund. The idea was to give the people and their children an opportunity to lay aside for a needy hour whatever they can spare in the way of saving. We began the Stamp Savings Fund with a capital of $5 which we exchanged weekly for stamps as soon as the supply of stamps was sold out. Today the working capital is $150. This Christmas season the depositors drew out from their savings nearly $1200. The Church gains no profit therefrom, though much work is attached to the running of this savings fund. But we are glad to do so, because the people without any distinction are benefited thereby.

This ought not to be strange coming from a Missionary among the heathen in China, or Turkey, or in an African jungle; but is it not passing strange when it comes from a Missionary located here in America, in a Christian community, and in the city of Brotherly Love? It is the more strange because it is true.

This is but one latest paragraph of a long chapter of similar instances.

It is very briefly this: For about 10 years after much labor we managed to get a school garden established on the big lot adjoining our Church property. It has proved most successful and most beneficent. Yet to run it at all, police protection was necessary to keep a certain element in the neighborhood from spoiling the work.

This year the police department found it necessary to take off the man who guarded the square and the school garden. Like bedlam let loose so did certain boys, big and small, pounce upon the school garden and with devilish malice tore down the fence, trampled the ground, tore down the roof under which the classes were taught and burned it with the benches in bonfires; broke into the tool house, rifled it and left a mere shell standing; cut down a young tree with the hatchet stolen from the tool

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BAPTISMS

No.
1074, Dec. 4, Harry William Weining,
1075, " 24, Martha Jane Porter Kirland

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
481, Dec. 16, Anna Eliza Williams
482, " 20, Martha Elizabeth Swift

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
148, Dec. 19, Norman Harding Schoell
049, " 19, Charles William Christman
150, " 21, Margaret Eleanor Hinke
151, " 21, Catherine Marie Hinke

house, and in two weeks the school garden has become a ruin, and if that were not enough they proceeded to pull the house down, and broke and twisted and nearly ruined a privet hedge, which we planted along the iron fence separating the school garden from the Church property.

The only protection we succeeded in getting, after complaints, is to have a man stationed during our Church services to allow us to worship God in peace. At present we have a promise from the Director of Public Safety to investigate the work of vandalism in the School Garden. Just imagine, in this free land of our we have to have a policeman to protect a group of citizens in the worship of God according to their conscience.

We talk about Americanization of foreigners. Have we Americanized Americans? Sometimes we feel like going up to cry from the housetop against these outrages which people have gotten used to because of their frequent repetitions. Is there no help? Is there no remedy?

The following from Theodore Roosevelt: "Surely it ought to be unnecessary to say that it spells us absolute ruin to permit divisions among our people along the lines of creed or of national origin as it does to permit division by geographical section."

"It is a good thing to try to reform bad children, to try to build up degenerate children; but it is an even better thing to try to keep healthy in soul, body and mind those children who are now sound, but who may easily grow up unsound if no care is taken of them."

St. George's has been trying to follow the sound advice of this great man and seer, but not without encountering difficulties thrown in its way by those who are denounced in the above paragraphs.

On Advent Sunday, November 28, at 8 o'clock in the morning fifty men came to the Brotherhood Corporate Communion, and

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this was followed by a round table talk in the basement of the Parish House after a light breakfast, reminding us of the "love-feast" in the very early days of the Church. It was so good and so edifying that all who were present thought it should be repeated at stated times throughout the year. We leave this to the prayerful consideration of the men of our Church, urging them in the name of Christ, and all that is dear to us in our social life, to have these Christian gatherings at least four times a year if not oftener.

The Altar flowers for Christmas services and the last Sunday in December were furnished by the Altar Guild and Miss Mercedes Holland, in memory of her mother.

The more you contemplate this beautiful tribute to those who have gone before us, the more you see the propriety and the beauty of this custom in the Church. This custom ought to be established by giving it a wider usage among our people.

The best agency for popularizing this custom is the Altar Guild. Women wishing to become members of the Altar Guild may speak to its president, Mrs Clews, 2911 Chatham street.

At our request the management of the Free Library will place on the shelves of the Richmond Branch some books on Church History. They are all readable and highly instructive, and make very interesting reading. Two of these books may be called for at once. They are "Every Man's History of the English Church," by Percy Dearmer; and "The Early Church," by George Hodges. Ask the librarian for other books which may have been placed meantime.

It is important, especially for our young people, to have a correct knowledge of the history of the Church. We secured the library for the purpose of spreading knowledge and enlightenment and not only for mere amusement in fiction reading. Read history. It is the truth. And the truth is stranger than fiction.

Here is a motto for the New Year, a line from Theodore Roosevelt: "Honesty first, then courage, then brains." Translated in Christian terms it reads: "Jesus Christ, yesterday, today, and for ever."

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

The great event which is before us is the visit of our Bishop, Sunday evening, January 9, at 7.30 o'clock, for Confirmation. In receiving the Rite of Confirmation, or as it is called in the Bible the Laying on of Hands, we are following the custom of the early Church. We are sure to be right if we follow the customs of the early Church which have their support in the records of the Holy Scriptures. By rejecting them we are sure to gain nothing. By observing them we are sure to gain something. For there is nothing in the Scriptures, and in the Church supported by the Scriptures, which is not of posi-

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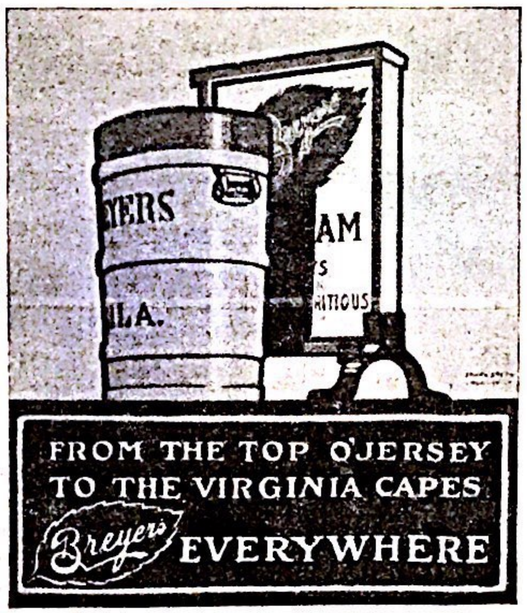
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tive help to our well-being. A Christian should not hesitate to come to Confirmation any more than he should hesitate to attend Church services, and to acknowledge Christ as his Redeemer and Master. Confirmation is a call from Christ and your answer. Let us all pray to God that many may heed His call and come to Confirmation.

On Thursday afternoon, 2.30, December 23, our Daily Kindergarten celebrated their annual Christmas festival in the basement of the Chapel, their schoolroom, in the presence of a large number of mothers and friends. Fifty little ones took their little places at the cross-shaped table in the centre of the room. It was a lovely picture to gaze at. It was also a lively picture to contemplate; a worthy subject for the greatest painters of Christmas masterpieces; the kind in which, as in Bethlehem, the central figure throws a benevolent light on its humble surroundings, and gives it a human touch which grips the heart.

Would those who have supported the Kindergarten in the past, and those of St. Paul's, Overbrook, who are supporting it now, were present to see the sight for themselves. Then they would feel the real joy of their giving.

We refer to the cosmopolitan character of the buds of future American manhood and womanhood; the fine start in life given them by their excellent teacher, Miss Ethel A. Ott; the wonderful execution of the program of song and recitation by the little ones; the joy of the mothers; the Christmas tree, and the gifts, and all that makes up a Christian atmosphere which we all so love and long for.

Our Boy Scout Troop, No. 38, is making excellent progress. Special meetings of patrol leaders are held for the advancement in signalling and wireless. We have a wood collection of much interest. A nautical patrol is being formed, and the first meeting will be held in Scoutmaster Seemuller's home on New Year's day, with Mr. Bauman as instructor in boat building. Good work, boys. Happy New Year.

The Chapel Sunday School and congregation have sent to the European Relief Council $25, to relieve the suffering among children in Europe.

The annual Commencement Day of the Sunday School was held during the evening service Sunday evening, December 19. Five received awards for perfect attendance, and four for having missed only once during the year.

It is very important that the cards which have been distributed among our people to be filled out be returned as soon as possible. You will readily see the purpose of these cards, and the need of your co-operation in bringing men and women to a better knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. Will you not see, after prayerful consideration, that the card sent to you be filled out properly, by answering the questions frankly, and returned either to Mr. Sladen, or through any of the advisory board.

The total of Christmas donations to the Chapel treasury by our people and other sources will amount to about $90.

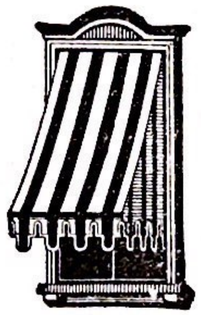
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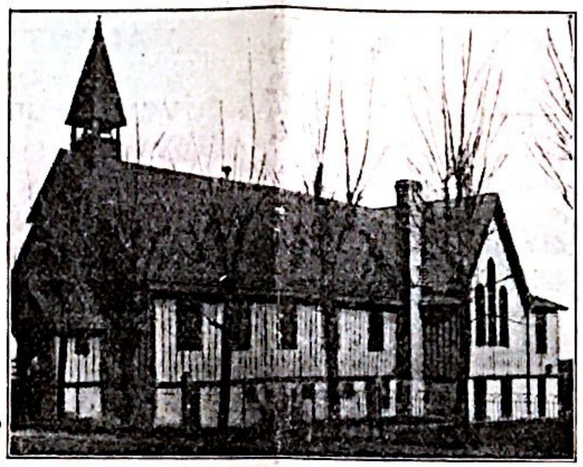
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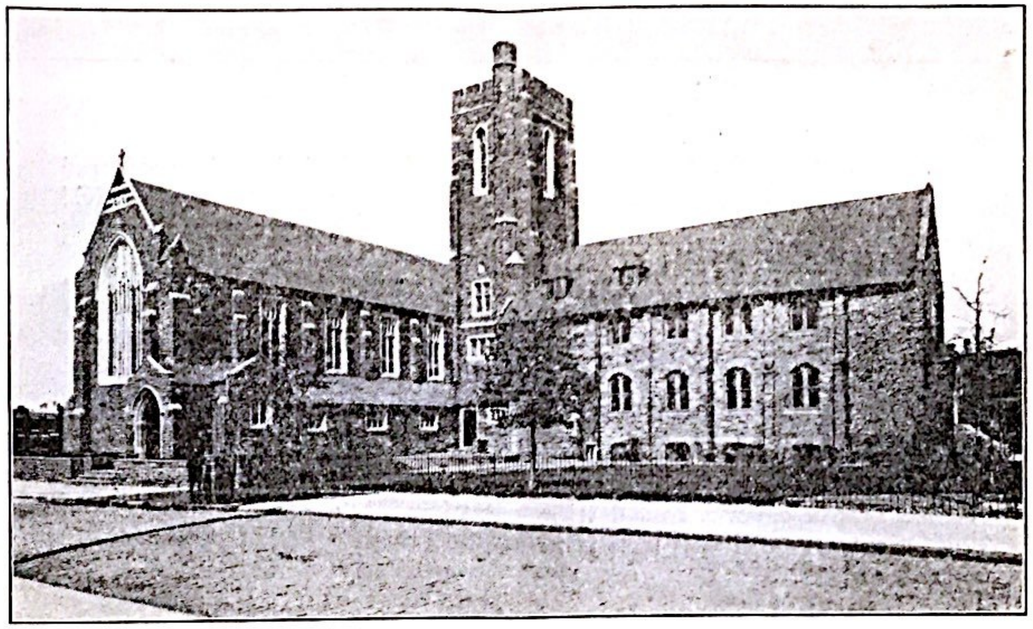
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NOTHING

It is a word that I do not like. Do you? It pretends to mean nothing, and yet stands for so much positive evil. In my experience I have always found it in bad company. Have not you? Among all the words in the dictionary it is the biggest liar. For instance, I ask a boy talking, or "carrying on," during Sunday-School service, "What are you doing?" and up pops the word NOTHING. I see children pulling flowers and scratching the fence, and I put to them the same question, and quick as lightning comes the word NOTHING. I find a group of young people in a dark corner where they do not belong, and say to them, "What are you doing here?" and NOTHING is the reply. I ask a man what he is doing on Sunday, and he too says, NOTHING. A policeman asks a man breaking into a house what he is doing, and the answer is NOTHING. I catch boys looting an auto in front of the parish house and I ask them what they are doing, and straightening up quickly they say with one accord NOTHING. Oh, so many people try to appear good by doing NOTHING. NOTHING seems to be the refuge of all lazy, lying and good-for-nothing people. Do you blame me for beginning to think that he who does something, no matter how bad, is to be preferred to him who does NOTHING! Does not the woman who creates a disturbance in the neighborhood, or the man who throws a bomb, do more for society than they who do NOTHING? For if these good people who do nothing had done something there would be no disturbance and no bomb throwing. When God asked Cain where was Abel, his brother, Cain answered, so characteristically of so many men, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Does not this answer really amount to NOTHING? For if God had put His question to Cain, who murdered Abel, "Cain, what have you done?" Cain would surely have answered, NOTHING. Surely, NOTHING is fraught with all sorts of evil.

The Bible tells us that God, who is the essence of good, could not stand, could not tolerate, NOTHING. So He created something, and breathed into His greatest and fondest creature, mankind, His own spirit. "And God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them." "And man became a living soul." So the purpose of God in placing men and women in possession of this wonderful universe was plainly that they should do something, and not that they should do NOTHING. And when men and women persist in the goodness of doing NOTHING they go contrary to the will and purpose of God, undoing the goodness of God, to the suffering and destruction of themselves and others.

"The Son of God came to seek and to save." By His own life, and death, and Resurrection, he taught, and is teaching, that we should do to others as we would men should do to us. He sought, and seeks, to save us by His injunction. "This do in remembrance of Me." He founded the Church in which Christian people should gather together in His name that He may be in the midst of them, and where they are to do a specific act of fellowship, called Holy Communion, in remembrance of Him. Those therefore who do NOTHING are plainly undoing the very thing for which our Lord came down "and dwelt among us." And yet there are still some people who pretend that they are doing their full duty in carrying out the purpose of God, and are justifying their existence, by doing NOTHING. Can you think of anything standing on NOTHING? Can you think of goodness drawing its life from NOTHING? Can you think of life eternal based upon NOTHING? Surely negative goodness must be the invention of the devil. It certainly is not the creation of God. Do you not despise that word NOTHING and all that it really stand for?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

This is an invitation to men and the adult members of their families. The Fathers' Meeting is to have their Fourth Anniversary banquet, Thursday evening, February 17. Dr. Edward James Cattell and Judge J. Willis Martin are to be the speakers of the evening; Major A. J. Drexel Biddle presiding. The banquet will consist of a wholesome supper cooked by our women, and the ticket is 35 cents per head.

The Fathers are cordially inviting to this, their Anniversary, the men who are in sympathy with their work in the parish, with their wives and adult members of the family. Tickets can be obtained at this office, or from any member of the Fathers' Meeting.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 9. On that day we shall have Morning Service at 10.30 and Evening Service at 8 o'clock; and thereafter through Lenten season we shall have services every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

All sensible people recognize the need and wholesomeness of Lent in our lives. In Lent more than at any other time we hush the clamors of the world within our hearts in order that we may hear more clearly the voice of God.

In Lent more than at any other time we strive to yield to the divine call; the call to prayer and to service which is the manifestation of our love of God and of neighbor.

During Lent more than at any other time we deny ourselves that we may give more towards the work of the Church, God's agency, for the spread of His kingdom among all men.

Heed this call and you will be blessed in your doing.

On Friday evening, December 3rd, the rite of Confirmation was administered by Bishop Garland to 27 people, and on Sunday evening, January 9, three more were added

every ignoble deed and selfish action of our neighbor.

In the world of selfishness and greed, in which so many people spend everything they make on themselves, without regard to God or neighbor, our heart is sorely tried. It shrinks and is chilled as our bodies are in the winter's wind. But now and then a warm ray of sunshine cheers and warms the heart and dissipates with smiles the surrounding gloom.

We refer to the gifts which come to us quietly now and then for the Church from some people, young and old, who are not a bit more able to give than their fellows, but who give more because they love more, because their heart is larger, because their soul is bigger. These people never suffer want, and are blessed in their giving. It is coming in touch with them that makes our heart warmer and our own life brighter. They are the salt and the sunshine of the earth. They know God more than the others.

Mrs. Henry Martyn Medary will visit our Girls' Friendly Society Monday evening, February 21, at 8 o'clock. Our girls should give her a very warm reception which she deserves, because she is a real girls' friend.

On Tuesday evening, February 8, at 8 o'clock, the Women's Guild will give a social to which all our people are invited. Come, and feel yourself to be at home.

We wish to commend the fine showing which our Chapter of the Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew is now making at the stated meetings and in Church. The boys are studying at their meetings the Gospel according to St. John under the guidance of the Pastor. The meetings are opened with prayer in which every member present takes part by the use of the Book of Common Prayer. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.45 sharp. Young men are invited to visit these meetings. They will receive a hearty welcome.

The work of the Junior Marines is a pronounced success. The boys take to it as fish to water. At their last review by Major A. J. Drexel Biddle they have distinguished themselves splendidly. In a short time they will receive their uniforms. Boys always show their manliness better in uniform. Our boys are fortunate in having for their success the backing of some of the finest gentlemen of our city. Our Pastor is proud of having received his Commission as Chaplain of the Junior Marine Corps in this city with rank of Captain.

The following gentlemen are members of the Board of Directors of the Junior Marine Corps:

Wm. R. Nicholson, President; A. J. Drexel Biddle, Livingston L. Biddle, John C. Bell, Dr. James M. Andres, Richard L. Austin, George Wharton Pepper, E. A. Van Valkenburg, Emil G. Perret, Jacob D. Lit, William Freihofer, Lee J. Eastman, Wm. H. Donner, David B. Provan and Quincy Adams Gilmore.

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to our congregation by Confirmation on Bishop Rhinelander's visit to the Chapel (Venango). The number of confirmed members in our congregation now is 403. Let us all pray and work that still more people be added to the Church. Think of the great good we can do to ourselves and others by a united and loyal service under God.

On the first Sunday in February, the Sunday before Lent, all belonging to our Sunday School will be given the usual Lenten Box for their Easter Offering. This Easter Offering is always devoted to Missions, and it carries with it a fine Christian spirit of our children. Parents will do well to encourage their children to practice self-denial for Christ's sake and put their savings in the Lenten Box to be presented by them on Easter Day as their help to spread the Gospel of Christ upon earth.

The best way of encouragaing children to do the right thing is by example.

Every first of the year we are required to send to the Bishop a report giving in detail the standing of this parish. This includes about 130 different items, each of which requires an accurate accounting as to numbers of persons and amounts of money, how received and how spent. Here it is only possible to give the briefest results. During the year 1920, 72 children and adults were baptized; 27 confirmed. Present number of confirmed members 403. The number of baptized persons connected in some way with this Church is about 1870. The membership of our Sunday School is 507. In our 13 guilds and societies there is a total membership of 330 persons. We have spent for current expenses, including salaries, music, light and heat, insurance and care of property, $4009.79. For other parochial purposes, including charity, and permanent improvements like the new organ, $5145.29. For Missions and benevolences outside this parish, $725.57, making a total of expenditures for 1920, $9880.65.

Our Council has estimated the cost for 1921 to be $6379.00, about $3500.00 less than last year, as the organ is paid for; and if 475 people, communicants and friends, endorsing the work of our Church, would contribute 25 cents weekly to the support of the Church, we should not only meet all our expenses, but would be able to give our entertainments and socials free, and save us the trouble of selling tickets. This would make us an independent parish, and we should have a mighty good time together. Now, 25 cents a week is but a little over 3 cents a day; and what Christian cannot save this amount for the Church?

Ought not every one who enjoys God's sunshine and life give at least so much towards the work done in His name and to His glory? What institution does God's work better than the Church of Christ? And whose name is more worthy to be perpetuated for the good of all mankind than the name of Jesus Christ?

Our heart is thrilled and warmed with affection and good will at every noble act someone commits; just as it shrinks and hardens at

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BAPTISMS

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1077, Jan. 16, Floreuce Wilhelmina Maneely

MARRIAGES

No.
187, Jan. 29, { Walter Atwood / Viola E. Fow

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
483, Jan. 17, Catherine Smith

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
152, Dec. 30. Adolph Stott
153, Jan. 16, Charles Rosenberg

whether in shop or office or school.

It is for this reason that a gymnasium has been opened in this Parish House, starting with a membership of about 16 boys and young men of various ages under the instructions and training of Mr. Rufus Tasker, a master of physical culture and competent leader. At a meeting held Friday evening, January 21, the following officers were elected: Charles Saybolt, President; Vincent Brown, Secretary; Rufus Tasker, Treasurer. A committee was also appointed to draw up suitable by-laws. Boys and men wishing to take advantage of gymnasium exercises may consult Mr. Tasker on the subject.

The last Corporate Communion of men we had early on Advent Sunday was so gratifying and so edifying to all present that we ought to have it more often. We therefore suggest to our men to think the matter over prayerfully, and without further delay choose at least four Sundays in the year to be devoted to such Christian fellowship gatherings.

Again we commend to our people the need and the benefits of Quarterly Parish Meetings of all the people to stimulate sociability and the spirit of Christian fellowship and friendship which we all so desire. Let us agitate this question among us, and let us choose four dates in the year on which we may hold such assemblies.

It may be of some interest to you to know that there are 120 children of Polish parents now being taught daily in our Parish House; that a congregation of over 90 Polish families hold services in our Parish House every Sunday morning and at other days with an attendance averaging 180 people of all ages; that at their Christmas Eve service there were present over 350 Polish people. Rev. Panfil, in charge of the Polish congregation, is a most faithful and devoted pastor, and his people love and esteem him very highly. They show marks of ex-

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We read of Missionaries in heathen lands being annoyed in their Christian work by the natives; but when they see that the Missionary is improving their village, making things look better and pleasanter, they become his friends and teach their children to do the same. Here in our own neighborhood it seems to work in the opposite way. At the close of 19 years of hard work, having brought about a magnificent free library, a fine public square, a beautiful school garden, and a great spacious playground, decorated with an 100-foot steel flag pole in honor of the men of this community who served in the World War; and having carried on coal and stamps savings funds and other things for the benefit of all the people alike; is it not strange that after all this faithful service our Church should still continue to suffer so much hostile annoyances and so much material injury to property at the hands of neighboring children without the slightest protest from those who witness this vandalism almost daily? The school garden has been ruined; the fence destroyed; the tool house broken in and plundered, and left only a shell defiled by human filth and made to stink; our privet hedge broken down and almost destroyed; the coping of one of the Church gate posts loosened and thrown down; flower beds trampled down; holes dug in the grass plots in front of the Church, and creepers planted along the Church wall destroyed, and a policeman has to be placed on Sundays near the Church to enable us to worship God in peace. It looks as if the more the Church is doing in the way of improvement and beautifying the more insistent this vandalism. We place these facts before our people as a strange phenomenon in Christian civilization right here in America, in the part of Philadelphia called Richmond.

On Thursday afternoon, January 27, we attended the graduation exercises of a class of boys and girls in James Martin Public School, Charles E. Simpson, principal. The program was delightful and skilfully carried out. Our chief interest on this joyful occasion was the fact that six of our Sunday School children were among the graduates, and that Ellwood Arndt, one of them, is the president of the graduation class. The others are William Wurst, George Carpenter, Thomas Honeyford, Wilbert Seemuller, John Holland and Florence Kirchner. We wish them all prosperity.

Our Boy Scout Troop No. 60 is doing exceedingly well. There are 33 members in the Troop. The following have just passed the Tenderfoot Test: W. Scheeser, M. Bortlein, J. Torch, T. Fatovich, E. Pitinich, N. Kamals, A. Lucas, E. Stead and J. Kloss. This is fine. Go ahead, boys.

Altar flowers for Sunday, January 16, were furnished by Mrs. Thomas Davidson, in memory of her husband. This beautiful custom in our Church should be developed and extended to every Sunday in the year by all of our people who

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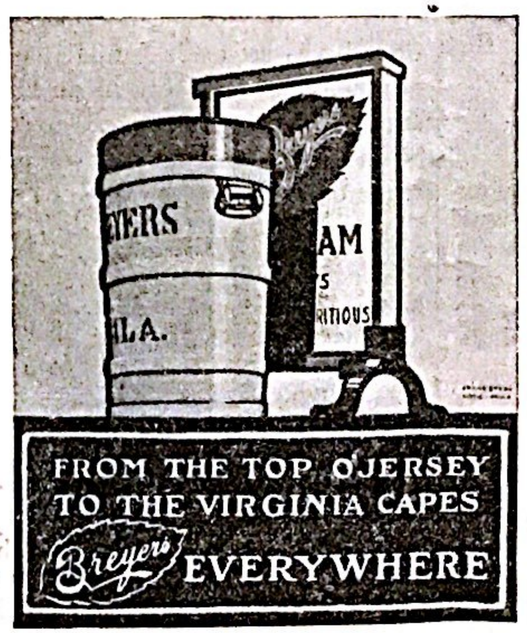
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Reported in January issue in the Light and Heat Fund, $300.33. Received since from Sunday School Beginners' Department, $5; Miss Gladys Burnside, $4; Mrs. Veit, $1; Mrs. Gazzam, $5; Congregation Blue Envelopes, $16.50. Total in the fund to date, $331.83.

We again commend to our reading people the books on Church History placed recently on the shelves of the Public Library. Consult the librarian about it. Ask her for the books referred to here. There is nothing like history to learn facts. You can form your own conclusions after you read facts, and your conclusions are apt to be more to the point when you know the facts than when you do not know. The books referred to are most reliable.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

On Sunday evening, January 9, Bishop Rhinelander visited our Chapel congregation and confirmed the following: Wilbert J. Seemuller, Charles Wm. Christman, Wm. Ferguson Snyder, Joseph Pogson, Margaret E. Hinke, Mary K. Noble, Bernard J. Karcher, Henry Litchendorf, Lewis F. Litchendorf, Florence M. O'Keefe, Charles S. Donahue and Walter Janus. May God give them His Spirit to remain loyal to their promises.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. On this day evening, February 9, service will be held in the Chapel, and every Wednesday evening throughout Lent at 8 o'clock. Comment on the propriety of observing Lent is given on another page of this issue. The best reason for observing Lent is our profession as Christians. If we believe in Christ as our Saviour we naturally and religiously observe every Fast or Feast Day which the Church has set aside for His commemoration. The way to do is to attend the Lenten services regularly and do your level best to persuade others to do the same.

The result of the Kaffee Klatch given in the Chapel basement January 5th, under the direction of Mrs. Oechsle and Mrs. George Oechsle, her daughter-in-law, and assisted by Mrs. Seemuller, Mrs. Karcher, Mrs. Hanson, and others, was much enjoyment and $30 for the Chapel treasury.

Equally successful was the Lemon Social at the home of Mrs. Sachs. There was a full house in spite of the severe weather, and the net returns were $12.05.

On Wednesday evening, February 2, Mrs. Seemuller, 3480 Edgemont street, will give a social gathering for the benefit of the Chapel. Come and bring your friends.

If you have not yet received your Lenten Box call for it. Be sure to have one in the house. This will enable you to save up conveniently daily throughout Lent your Easter Offering to be presented on Easter Day. Last year our Easter Offering amounted to $92. Let us make it this year over $100.

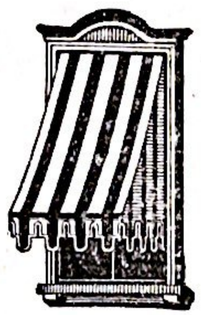
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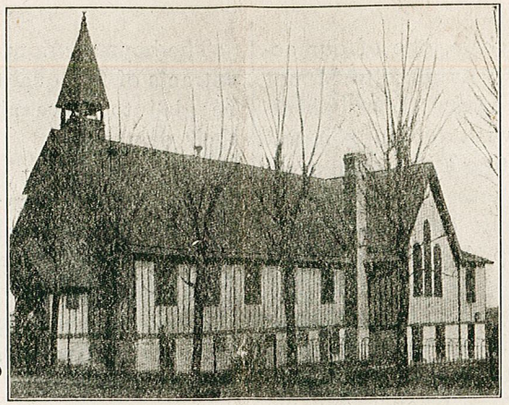
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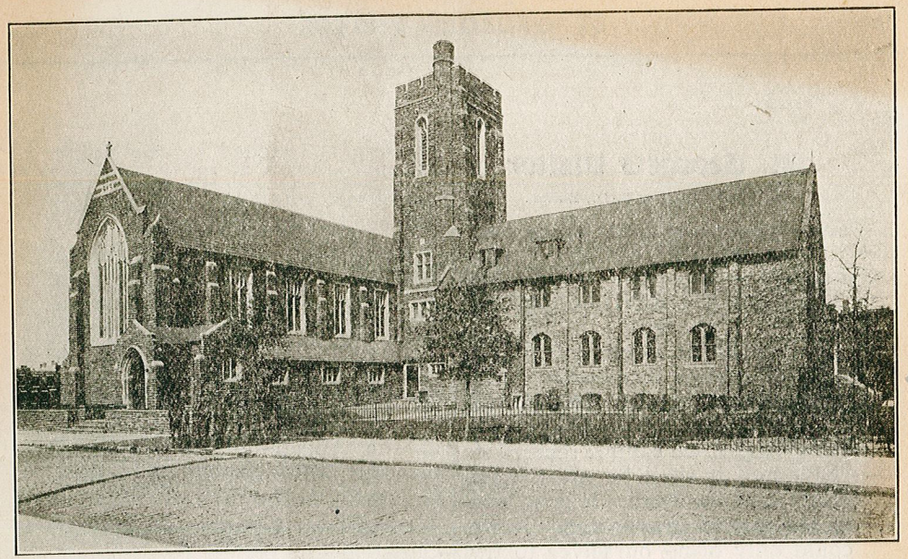
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Fellowship is sweet; but Christian fellowship is sweeter. We all love to receive it. We should be ready to give it. For without giving it we cannot receive it. "Give and it shall be given unto you;" says our Lord. It is as true as the law of gravitation. If we could only bring ourselves to try it wholeheartedly.

The law of giving is not a mere idea; nor is it imagination. Wherever it is tried out, it is found to be true. We have experienced it in the two efforts some of our men have made. We refer to the Corporate Communion of fifty of our men early Advent Sunday, and the last Corporate Communion early the Second Sunday in Lent, in spite of the blizzard.

In these assemblings of ourselves together all who were present surely had a good taste of real fellowship. For we had fellowship with Christ and with one another, as St. Paul would say. Everybody liked it; and so it was decided that we have another assembling of ourselves together, as the Bible calls it, on the third Sunday in March, which is, by the way, Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 8 o'clock. It is wonderful how one clean act, one good deed leads to another. It is wonderful what peace of mind, what joy of heart, we all experience when our fellowship is touched by the Spirit of Christ. For in the joy of our own heart we think of the welfare and need of our fellow-men.

The test of a genuine Christian feeling is the desire to help others. How natural it is at a "love feast," following Corporate Communion, for our minds to turn to missionary effort. How wonderfully near we are brought to the unadulterated Christianity of the Apostolic age, and how pleasant is the ray of light which comes therefrom into our hearts.

Indeed we felt the presence of Christ at our table. He was our Guest, and our conversation was accordingly. Jesus called us over the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, and we felt like giving our hearts to His obedience to serve and love Him best of all.

Another touch of early Christian atmosphere was the presence of three of our good women who gladly and joyfully ministered unto us.

We all look with pleasure to our next Corporate Communion on the morning of March the 20th, Palm Sunday, at 8 o'clock.

EASTER

Easter comes on the last Sunday of this month. On this day we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. It is a glad and joyful day. But the gladness and joy come to us in proportion to our faith in Christ; just as we enjoy the Fourth of July in proportion to our patriotism. Only true Americans who know their history can fully appreciate the joy of Independence Day. Only true Christians who know their Saviour can fathom the depth of Easter joy. They alone know the full meaning of "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Lenten season preceding Easter is our opportunity of coming closer in spirit to our Lord Jesus, to quicken our soul, to deepen our faith, and to clarify our spiritual vision, that we may see the glory and feel the joy of immortality.

Our Lenten services help us to do this. The week before Easter is called Holy Week because the crowning events of our Lord's life in the flesh are commemorated therein.

Thus we shall have in addition to the Wednesday Evening Prayer, the week before Easter, also the evening service on Thursday, commemorating the Institution of the Lord's Supper, "on the night in which He was betrayed."

Also Morning and Evening services on Good Friday, commemorating the Crucifixion of our Lord and the immediate events connected therewith. Then we shall be better prepared to greet Easter Day as Christian people ought to greet it.

No cross, no crown. The love of God transfigures cross into crown. The love of God leads us through death unto life. In Lent and Easter are reflected the realities of our religion. We find our life by losing it.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

St. George's Gymnasium and Athletic Club has embodied in its Constitution and By-Laws the following: "The object of this Club shall be to bring the boys and young men of our country under Christian influence, to give them the advantage of physical training, to promote patriotism and self-control, to inculcate reverence for and obedience to constituted authority, and to upbuild them in all that tends to the formation of true Christian character."

This was worded and adopted by the members themselves under the leadership of their training master, Rufus Tasker.

The progress in the work of the Club has been phenomenal. It is a pleasure to watch the boys drill and their rapid improvement. No boy or young man should fail to take advantage of this Club.

We make a strong appeal to the parents and through the parents to the children of our Sunday School for a liberal offering by means of the Lenten Boxes to be presented on Easter Day. It is only a matter of a little self-denial, a giving up of some luxury which we can get along without, and devote the cost of it to religious work. We enrich the lives of men and women by teaching them in childhood the lesson of giving. The best heritage parents can leave to their children is the habit of giving. Once you get in the habit of giving there is untold satisfaction of the heart which no pampering of self can afford. It is almost impossible to find the person who has ever regretted giving to the cause of Christ. It is rather always a source of gratification.

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

"Does the Bible say, You must go to Church?" This question is asked, and it ought to be answered. No, the Bible does not say, "You must go to Church," no more than it says, "You must have a home," or "You must not beat your wife," or "You must earn a living," or "You must go to school or college," or "You must pay your taxes." No, the Bible does not put it just in these words. Yet decent men do have homes, do not beat their wives, do try to make a living, do send their children to school, and do pay their taxes. And nobody finds fault with them; and everybody thinks it is the right thing to do. In fact, wherever you find homes, schools, communities, governments, you also find Churches. It seems that all these go together. All are alike to be supported and maintained among civilized peoples. As a matter of fact in all the history of mankind the Church, or the House of Worship, is given the most prominent place in community and national life. In all cities and villages the Churches loom far above all homes, factories, schools and business houses. In your travels approaching a town the first thing you see in the distance is the steeple of the Church. On no other buildings have peoples spent so much ingenuity, have given so much of their time, wealth and life itself; on no other buildings have they lavished so much labor on the beauty of architecture, as on the houses of worship, whether they be temples, cathedrals or Churches. This is so universal, not only among Christian nations, but among all peoples and languages, civilized and semi-civilized alike; which goes to show that the Church is to mankind as natural as the air we breathe. As the air is to be breathed to maintain our physical life, so is the Church to be used to maintain our spiritual life. And in the words of Theodore Roosevelt: "We appreciate that the things of the body are important, but we appreciate also that the things of the soul are immeasurably more important."

So if the Bible does not say, "You must go to Church," everybody knows that Churches are built to be attended, and not to stay away from.

But **does not** the Bible say, "You must go to Church?" It may not say that just in these words, but it uses other words as commanding as these.

Read the Bible, and see how many pages are taken up with directions and descriptions of the building of the house of God and of the order of worship. Read the blue prints of Moses in the erection of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Read the blue prints of the master builder of Solomon's temple, and the plan and specifications of the prophet Ezekiel; and all these directed from above by God Himself, according to the Scriptures. Do you remember our Lord's words: "It is written My house shall be called the house of prayer, etc.," and that His disciples attended Church regularly?

And is it conceivable that Christ who organized the Christian society, and instituted the sacraments of Baptism and of Holy Communion to be observed in remembrance of Him, to be administered by chosen Ministers, who were to teach all nations whatsoever He commanded; that He who emphasized community life bound together by love; that He who taught common worship, and Christian fellowship, should leave out of consideration the Church?

Surely His Apostles whom He trained personally knew His mind. And we read in the Acts that after His Ascension "Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer." St. Paul addresses his letters "unto the Church of God which is at Corinth;" "unto the Churches of Galatia;" "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons;" "unto the Church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ," etc., etc. And in the book of Revelation it is written: "John in the seven Churches which are in Asia." Surely Christians were expected to attend these Churches, and to maintain them, and there has been no change among Christian people since then.

The common word for the Church in the Bible is "the assembly." The writer to the Hebrews uses the words "to the general assembly and the Church of the firstborn." St. James in his letter writes: "If there come into your assembly a man, etc." All this means a place of common worship, a Church. And again in the Epistle to the Hebrews "and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Does not all this really amount to what in our common language would be **"You must go to Church?"**

And if the Bible tells us to go to Church, does it not also imply that we should support it? Yes, the Bible is very specific: "Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee."

Limited space forbids from dwelling more at length on this subject. But have we not answered fully the question: "Does the Bible say, you must go to Church?"

The Anniversary of the Fathers' Meeting held Thursday evening, February 17, was a signal success in every way. The supper was prepared by some of our women, and it was delicious. The basement was most tastefully decorated with American colors; but the crowning features of the banquet was the presence of Major

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No.
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No.
484, Feb. 9, Jesse G. Husted
485, " 11, Florence May Hart

CHAPEL

BURIALS

No.
24, Feb. 17, Charles Rosenberg

A. J. Drexel Biddle, who presided, and of Judge J. Willis Martin and Dr. Edward James Cattell, the speakers of the evening.

It was a very rare and most enjoyable treat to all who were present; and its memory will linger pleasantly and wholesomely in our hearts.

The great work of the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes which was temporarily hindered by the World War is being revived effectually by the members thereof.

Quite an enthusiastic meeting of officers and representatives of these Bible Classes, including also those who came from New Jersey and cities of Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C., was held in Holy Trinity Parish House, Monday evening, February 21, with Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins in the chair. The Drexel Biddle Bible Class offers men a real job in the service of God. No man can afford to ignore it.

On the same evening Mrs. Henry Martyn Medary, accompanied by her husband, was the guest of our Girls' Friendly Society at our Parish House. She spoke to a goodly company of members quite impressively on the good work of the Society, among the members themselves, and the Christian influence which is exerted thereby upon others. It was a very enjoyable meeting indeed.

The Junior Marines, meeting on Monday evening, are making remarkable progress in drilling. They are looking forward to an exhibition to be given by them at some future date. They expect their uniforms in the near future.

Not behind anybody is our Boy Scout Troop No. 60, under the leadership of Messrs. Gannon and Durloo. The Troop has now $125 in its treasury.

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attention of his congregation the need of **money** for the Church. And yet, how is it possible for any man who gets all the bills not to have money on his brains? And if he is an honest man, how can he refrain from speaking his mind? The way to relieve a clergyman from the abhorrent subject of money, which is forced upon him by circumstances, would be to have all the Church bills sent to some one else. Would not this be a squarer deal to the clergyman?

Faith without effort is usually as bad as effort without faith. It is better to learn the truth that faith and work must go together. It is in the very nature of God's creation. "The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God." It is sad to contemplate some people sweating in the struggle of getting still more without the thought of God, while others expect the Church to go on without an effort in its behalf. Great is their faith, indeed. But where is their common sense?

Previously reported in the Light and Heat Fund, $331.83. Received since from the Polish congregation, $20; Mrs. Blohsfield, $1; J. Rodman Paul, $15. Congregation by Blue Envelopes, $1; Mrs. Geo. M. Jones, $10; Philip Becker, $10. Total, $388 83. We still owe at least as much more.

Some years ago our Women's Bible Class, through the efforts of their then teacher, Miss M. J. Sheets, started a fund for the erection of an Altar in the new Church. But as the cost of the Altar was included in the contract of the building, and was more than the amount raised, the fund was placed in the safe deposit bank where it now is. It amounts to $114.11. At Miss Sheets' suggestion our Church Council decided that this fund be called the Church Endowment Fund. This is an excellent move, and a laudable beginning for an endowment fund. We trust that this fund will be added to from time to time by our own people and our well-wishing friends.

Question. Why do we stand up in the singing of Hymns in Church services?

Answer. Because Hymns are praise and prayer to God in song, and it is a sign of respect.

Question. Why do we kneel in prayer?

Answer. Because the proper attitude of prayer before God is kneeling. It is so stated in the Bible. Sometimes it is standing, but never sitting. It is specifically recorded in the Bible that our Lord knelt in prayer; St. Pau' knelt in prayer; and wherever the act of prayer is mentioned, whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament, it is specifically stated "knelt down and prayed," with rare exceptions, and the exceptions are standing. When we listen to the reading of Scripture, or preaching its message, we do it sitting. This is the proper decorum in worship, and is as old as the sun.

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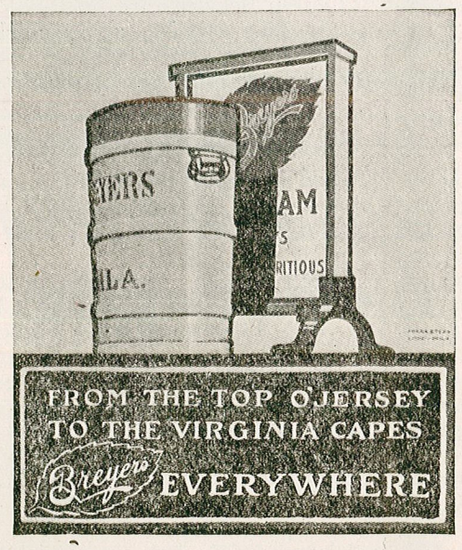
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Flowers for the Altar at Church services were furnished during the past month as follows:

First Sunday, by the Altar Guild; second Sunday by Mrs. Parker, in memory of her daughter Elsie; third Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson, in memory of their son Douglas; fourth Sunday by Miss Mercedes Holland, in memory of her mother. This kind of memorials we are sure are most acceptable to God, and are very helpful to all of us, as they carry with them a sweetness and spiritual benediction into sick rooms to which they are carried after the evening prayer of the day.

We would again call the attention of our reading people to ask the librarian for the books on Church History recently placed on the shelves at our request. When you get interested in it, history reads like a novel; yet it is much more than a novel, because it gives the true story of nations and individuals. And then it adds greatly to your knowledge both of thoughts and things. When you read Church History you know the story of the Church, and you know also why you are the Churchman or Churchwoman that you are.

We have a good organist and choirmaster, and the finest organ within a radius of six miles; and we have also a most beautiful Church; and we need a choir to suit; and we have the material of which to make the choir if all who could be taught to sing would offer themselves to the Church for that work. Those who are now in the choir are a fair sample of what the choir might yet become if the others volunteer to help. Will you not help?

CHAPEL (Venango) NEWS

Holy Communion will be celebrated the second Sunday, March 13th, at 8 A. M.

Lenten Services are held every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Come, it will help you to prepare for a happy Easter.

Choir rehearsals during Lent at 7.15 P. M. every Wednesday. There is room for a few more voices, and volunteers will be welcome.

The Sunday School Easter Carol Service will be held at 2.30 P. M., Easter Sunday, March 27th. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Let us have all the Lenten boxes returned on that day, and make it the largest offering on record. If you have not received your box you can secure one any time before Easter Day.

Albert Oechsle, one of our active workers, has gone to Mount Alto at the advice of his physician. We wish him a pleasant and invigorating trip and an early return with restored health.

Who among our young men will take up his work in the Chapel during his absence?

It is gratifying to know that so many of our young men have found opportunities for service in the work at the Chapel, and we hope that others will desire to help, as there is room for all.

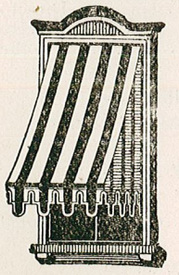
Our Chapel Troop of Boy Scouts are laying plans for the coming outdoor season. Debating contests have been carried on through the winter evenings among the different patrols of the Troop. The subject assigned for the first meeting in March is: "Which is more destructive, fire or water?"

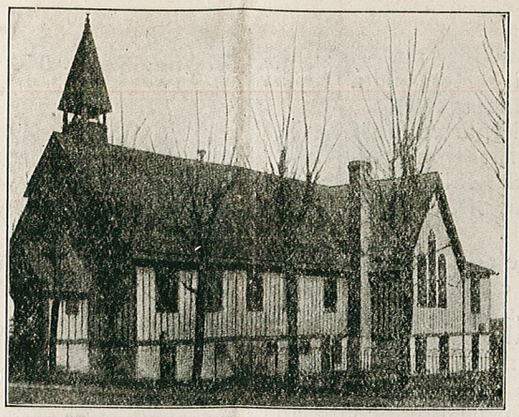
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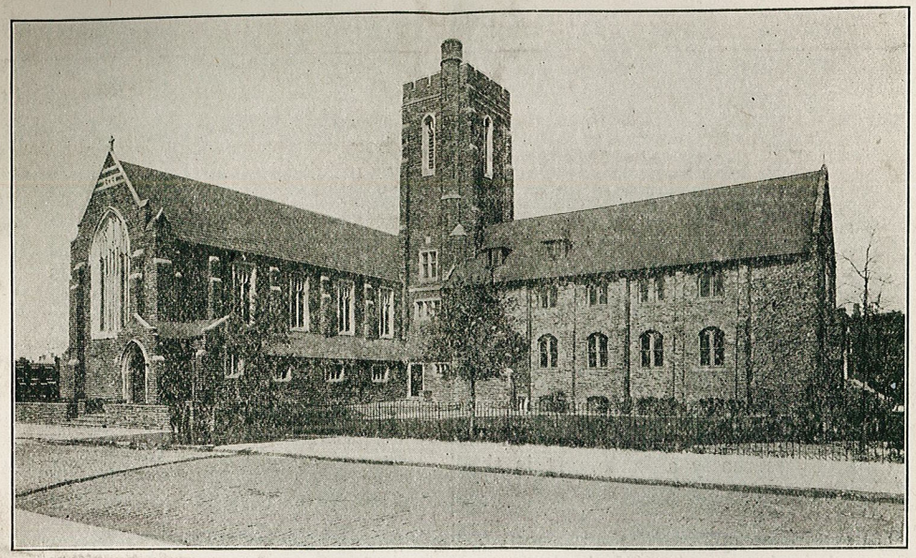
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FROM RICHES TO POVERTY

People usually love to hear the story with the title "From Poverty to Riches." But such a story is really a fable. It is the kind of story which people love to read, because it is untrue.

The story which I am about to tell is the true one. It is the story which is being enacted daily in our life in the World. Shall I add also the Flesh and the Devil? But this is not to frighten you. For as you yourself know the World, the Flesh and the Devil are not so terrible now as they used to be. The World, indeed, is beautiful and stocked with all good things by Him who made it. The Flesh also is not to be despised. It has its own legitimate desires to be gratified. It is made up most wonderfully and fearfully. And as to the Devil, he used to have horns and a cloven foot; but time has worn off his horns, and modern orthopaedia and shoemaking has rendered his hoof almost invisible; and by means of art and cosmetics his once repulsive and fright-giving visage has assumed the appearance of a very pleasant gentleman whose company is sought and apparently enjoyed.

Now, this is my story. It is as the heading reads, "From Riches to Poverty:"

Once upon a time a father gave his boy an apple. The boy was very much gratified with the apple. He carried it with him to show it to his playmates, and they all envied him his possession, and their envy added much to his pleasure, and it made him very proud; for he counted himself rich among many. He had something which they had not, so he was rich and they were poor. And this gave him an air of superiority, and he felt proud and pleased as he walked through the village street, shifting his eyes back and forth from the envious gazing of the boys to his treasure which he carried openly in his hand. He certainly was the rich boy of the village.

Alas, as he walked he came across a playmate who held in his hands two apples, a possession twice as much as his own; and immediately, as by magic, all the joys of riches fled from him, and he felt as poor and as envious as those who had no apple. He became unhappy, and all the delights of play were consumed in the feverish desire of getting, some way, another apple, or even more, for he could brook no rival in things which he possessed. For as yet he had not learned the lesson of Christ that a "man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

What has happened to the boy with the one apple when he saw another with two, has doubtless taken place in the possessor of the two when he saw another with three, etc.

It is a sad and painful story this story, "From Riches to Poverty." But it is a true story, in which is dramatized in the World, the Flesh and the Devil the waste of life which Christ came to save.

Wise as the World may be, it is never rich as it seems to be, for it craves for that which is not.

The man is rich, whether he be rich or poor, if he is godly. For, as St. Paul says, "Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath; for we brought nothing into this world, neither may we carry anything out." On the other hand, godliness is an acquisition which we may carry with us into eternity. It is real and not counterfeit riches.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Those who attended our Easter services, and they were many, will join us in thanking God for the privilege of being able to solemnly commemorate the day of Christ's Resurrection. Its message cheers the hearts of all faithful people, and we trust that the inspiration which came to all of us in the House of God on Easter Day may keep the Christian spirit alive within us throughout the year, and make each Sunday to us an Easter Day.

The following are the incomplete Easter offerings presented on Easter Day. In the following issue we expect the full returns:

From the Woman's Guild, $120; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Girls' Friendly Society, $10; Junior Candidates of the G. F. S., $20; congregation, $212.05. Total, $372.05.

From Sunday School: Beginners, $15; Primary Department, $5; Class 8, $10.10; Class 11, $1.54; Class 12, $2.92; Class 14, $24.92. Total, $59.48.

From the Boy Scouts, $10. Grand total, $441.53.

This is a fine showing, and in the next issue we hope even to add materially to it.

The Lenten offerings of our Sunday School members by means of the boxes range from $7.53 to 3c. As it has been our custom for years, we give here the names of those who distinguished themselves in giving, in order of their distinction. God only can measure the value of giving. A small gift from a child not able to give is larger in His sight than a large gift from a well-to-do child; but we can only be guided by the contents of the Lenten box and the name thereon. These are above the average: John Snodgrass, Fred Becker, Mrs. Francis Drummond, Norman Fluck, Miss Ethel Hannum, Leonora Gransback, Elmer Smith, Frederick Roller, Abigail Annesley, Eleanor Martin, Ruth McKinley, Arthur Millington, Halftan Pederson, Harry Mehaffey, Mary Schwendemann, Miss Ann Vautier, Jane Ahlers, Elizabeth Davidson, Thomas Ahlers, Richard Lang, Edith Collins, Charles Tustin, Harry Miller, Eleanor Rohrbach, Ruth Evalheim, Elwood Arndt, Myrtle Maharg, John Carswell, Mary Carswell, Daniel Loomis, Marion Gannon, Ida Oldhausen, Raymond Dittes, John Ahlers, Charles Gustafson, Florence Stahler, Walter Poe, Harry Gustafson, Elizabeth Herbsleb, Jes-

sica Galbraith, Harold Bond, Martin Erickson, Henry Herbsleb, Elmer Kern, Pearl Weber, Irene Cook, Orilla Davidson, John Hess, Thomas Pedersen, Josephine Rohrbach, Florence Davidson, Mildred Causton, Marie Ralston, Theresa Foster, John Marquess, Margaret Wambach, William James, Helen Hayes, Mary Bingham, Ruth Vanderslice, Alfred Davidson, Mary Hayes, Chrystal Goudge, Florence Clews, Catherine Mifflin, Harry Stiteler, Thelma Galbraith, Dorothy McCarthy, Benny Buessette, Ida May Stiteler, Florence McCarthy, Alice Motson, Frank Galbraith, Willie Wirin, Raymond Wirin, Marion Clews, Viola McGuigan, Sadie Fining, Paul Wurst, Nellie Miller, Walter Saybolt, Jennie Wambach, Wilbur Arndt, Allen Barringer, Albert Ahlers, Hannah Carpenter, Sidney James, Maurice Carr, Violet Gransback, James Davidson, Margaret McKinley, Charles Goudge, Thomas McKinley, Mary Stott, Lena Wurst, Mrs. Poe, Elmer McGuigan, Jennie Stott, Mary Hess, Katherine Wurst.

Any additions will be made in the next issue. In case of any omission or mistake we should be grateful for any correction.

It is very pleasant to report that our Sunday School children have made good showing in every way through the year. Of course, we should have done much better in the way of full attendance every Sunday if all the parents had realized fully the value of Sunday School teaching and atmosphere to their own children and the nation at large.

Speaking on the value of Sunday School work we are bound to call your attention to the magnificent articles on the front page of the *North American* which this paper is publishing every day. No newspaper could render better service to the public than is now rendered by the *North American* in giving the people a real insight into the work of the Sunday School as an American institution. There is no doubt that many parents would show a more active interest in Sunday School if they knew its real value.

Mr. Tasker, head of the gymnasium, is going to give our people a rare treat in athletics, a most unique exhibition of physical art by the members of the gymnasium on Friday evening, April 22, at 8 P. M. Admission, twenty-five cents. This wonderful exhibition will be accompanied by music. It is really something worth seeing.

The Girls' Community Club has decided to form a definite program this season, which they intend fully to carry out. The members realize that there is a definite work and place for them in the life of the community, especially as related to girls of their own age, and the making life more wholesomely interesting.

Troop No. 60, of our Boy Scouts, is doing exceedingly well. It has on the roll twenty-six active members. A bugle and drum corps is in progress, made of A. Smiley, H. Hjorth, W. Kneller and J. Kloss as buglers, and R. Bowman, drummer.

H. Coffin has been admitted to membership in this Troop by transfer from Troop 154. Troop 60 is composed of three patrols who are working their way to the rank of first-class scouts. The leaders of these patrols are J. Yeager, J. Enders, A. Kern, being assisted by H. Hjorth and H. Kneller. The senior patrol leader is J. Gillies.

Through the kindness of Mr. Thomas Kloss the Troop has now a wireless receiving set, which the wireless corps is using to good advantage.

The Troop also presented to the Church an Easter offering of $10. —A. Smiley, secretary.

This is a fine report, and we wish Troop 60 all the success in the world.

At a recent meeting of young men in Holy Trinity Parish House, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle presiding, several officers have been commissioned to assist in the work of our Junior Marine Company A. The work will progress in earnest. We shall have at least four trained officers to care for the boys. The members of the Marines are directed to report on Monday evenings at 7.30, instead of 7 on account of the days getting longer. A great deal of preparation is being made for the summer's camp.

The members of the Cradle Roll and their mothers are invited to meet at the Parish House on Wednesday afternoon, April 8, at 2 o'clock. They are asked to bring with them the "Little Helpers' Boxes," and to stay for a little tea after the exercises. Please, come.

The Annual Service and Exhibition of the Lenten work of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Thursday, April 28th. All the members of the G. F. S. should mark well this date.

Our Branch has been doing some fine work for Missions, and will have a part in the exhibit on that day.

Our candidates also have distinguished themselves by their good work for the Church. They are a group of the finest girls in the neighborhood, and it is a delight to look at them at work.

In a letter of Bishop Rhinelander to Mr. Herbsleb, our warden, the Bishop is congratulating the people of St. George's parish upon the advance which has been made since the building of the new church, and he adds: "I was little afraid that in view of this notable gift on the part of the diocese, the people might be tempted to depend more on outside help than is right or good for them. I do not believe that this is going to be the case. I believe the people will be moved to more than ever for their own support and growth, and I am sure that you and the other members of your committee will take the lead in this, and use every opportunity of bringing it home to every member of the congregation. It will be a great triumph if the Mission can become an in-

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BAPTISMS

No.
1062, March 20, Sarah Harriet
1083, " 27, Dorothy Emma Mullineaux

MARRIAGES

No.
189, March 2, { Benjamin Hathaway / Mamie M. McGregor
190, March 9, { Joseph A. Levy / Margaret Rogers
191, March 18, { Charles F. Hewitt / Lillie F. Smallwood

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
486, March 3, John W. Fields
487, " 5, Annie Bauder
488, " 19, Claire Dorothy Kessler
489, " 19, William Howe
490, " 29, Anna May Dowling

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
154, March 20, William Frank Snyder

BURIALS

No.
25, March 11, Norman Hardin Schoell
26, " 24, Frank L. Blatz

dependent and self-supporting parish within the next year, and I really believe it entirely possible if everybody takes a hand and the people are encouraged to work for it."

The donations of flowers for the altar for March were as follows:

First Sunday—The Altar Guild.

Second Sunday—Mrs. William Lang, in memory of her father; Messrs. William and Benjamin Lang, in memory of mother and father.

Third Sunday—Altar Guild.

Easter Sunday—Mr. Frederick Wittenberger and family, in memory of Margaret Wittenberger; Mrs. Leonora Gransback, in memory of her mother; Mrs. Orilla Davidson, in memory of her husband; also from the Altar Guild.

Too much praise cannot be given to the members of this Guild for the beautiful work in serving the altar with flowers and caring for the chancel. It should be understood that any woman so desiring may become a member of the Guild. Every Christian woman should consider it a sacred privilege in serving as a member of the Altar Guild.

Let our people take heart in the hope that these gloomy days of forced idleness will pass as the dark cloud of a threatening storm; that our people will return to work under conditions more satisfactory than in previous years. In these trying days we need a

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cool head, steadfastness and right-mindedness; abundance of sympathy for one another, and, above all, the power which comes from above to sustain us in all the storms of this life. It is the power which insures victory to the righteous.

Those who are interested in the missionary work of the Polish congregation who worship in our Parish House will be glad to know of its growth and rapid development. There must have been at least 280 people, mostly men, crowded in the room of their worship. One-third of the congregation stood closely together throughout the long service.

But even for Sunday ordinary services the room in which they worship is much too small for them. The secret of their growth is the character of their priest in charge of the congregation.

What a fine thing it would be if they could have a separate plant of their own.

On Palm Sunday, March 20, a goodly company of our men again attended the early service in corporate Communion, which was followed by a round table conference in the basement. There, again, we all reconsecrated ourselves to doing some missionary work. It is our fond hope that this men's "love-feast" will become a regular monthly reunion of our faithful men around the Lord's Table, and that the company of the faithful may grow to the praise of God.

Previously reported in the light and heat fund, $388.83. Received from congregation by blue envelopes, $5. Women's Guild, $20. Total on hand, $413.83. We still have to raise more than one-third of this amount to make up this fund.

A parish meeting has been called by our Church Council of all St. George's people and their friends, to be held Wednesday after Easter, March 30, at 8 P. M. This manuscript will be in the hands of the printers before this meeting takes place, but we are sure the meeting will be of such nature and results as to be of interest to our readers of the following issue.

We must never rest on our laurels. We must press on to bigger things. There are still many things to be done to justify our name as Christian. Our congregation at Church attendance is better than in the past, but it ought to be still better. Our people who profess allegiance to this Church cannot afford to be dragged along by the spirit of the age. Our people ought to be ashamed of any excuse given for staying away from divine worship with such magnificent opportunity before them. It is very easy to go to church on Sunday when one makes up his mind that it is the right and proper thing for a Christian to do. There are plenty of unbelievers or doubters to stay away from Church. They need no support or encouragement from our own stay-aways to enjoy their churchlessness. But the cause of Christ suffers when

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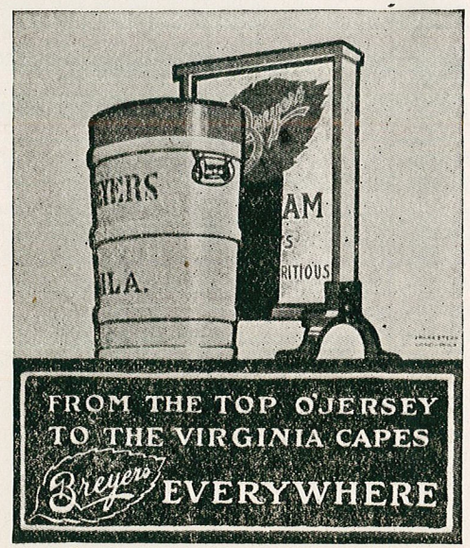
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We need more helpers in the Sunday School, more members on the teaching staff, and a more systematic way of follow-up work. It is quite noticeable that the most faithful teachers have the largest attendance in their classes.

Every other Friday evening we have teachers' meetings; not largely attended, but profitable meetings. To these meetings any person wishing to become a teacher will be gladly welcomed.

On Friday evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock, we are to have in the basement a fine moving picture show, to which you are invited with your friends. The pictures are exceedingly fine and interesting.

There are so many good people who do not think of lifting a finger to help the cause of Christ simply because they are good. We wonder on what could they base their goodness if there had not been so many people worse than they are. The Pharisee is very good when there is a Publican to compare himself with. He would have been at loss to establish his goodness in the absence of the publican. Is it not remarkable that when one begins to count his virtues he always looks down on the fellow who has less than he. Does it not occur to you that a really good man would look up and count the number of virtues he is lacking as compared with the one who is better than he? If people would only see how ludicrous they make themselves when they talk of their goodness they would stop talking, and do something.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Easter Day at the Chapel began with the celebration of Holy Communion, the Rev. Henri M. G. Huff officiating. The subject of his sermon was the Collect for the day, and was very helpful. At this service was consecrated a new set of altar linen, the gift of Mrs. Bernard Karcher, in loving memory of their son George.

The Sunday School Easter service was at 2.30 in the afternoon. The Primary Department recited the Easter story from the Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter, and sang hymn 116 splendidly.

At the evening service the choir sang two anthems by Caleb Simpson—"He is Risen" and "Hallelujiah, Christ is Risen."

The attendance was very good at all services.

Mr. Sladen addressed the congregation in the evening. His subject was the Power of the Resurrection in the Life of Men.

An account of the Easter offerings will be given in the next issue of the VISITOR.

The loveliest work in the Chapel is the Kindergarten work. It may be that the charm of little children whom Christ loved so well adds much to the loveliness, especially during the Easter season when all things seem to be at the beginning of life. It is a season of budding and birth and resurrection. Here is a report from the Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten children had a lovely visit from the Easter bunny, each child receiving a lovely basket filled with eggs and a little duck.

Before the egg and basket hunt about sixty children form a circle and sang Easter songs, and gave some recitations. This pleasant party was made more entertaining by the use of the Victrola belonging to the Boy Scouts, and the records loaned for this occasion by Mrs. Nidecker, mother of two boys, Kindergarten graduates. The Kindergarten wishes to thank also Mrs. Karcher for the five new records so greatly enjoyed by the class.

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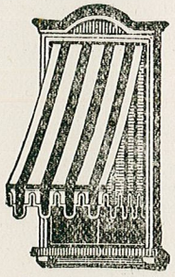
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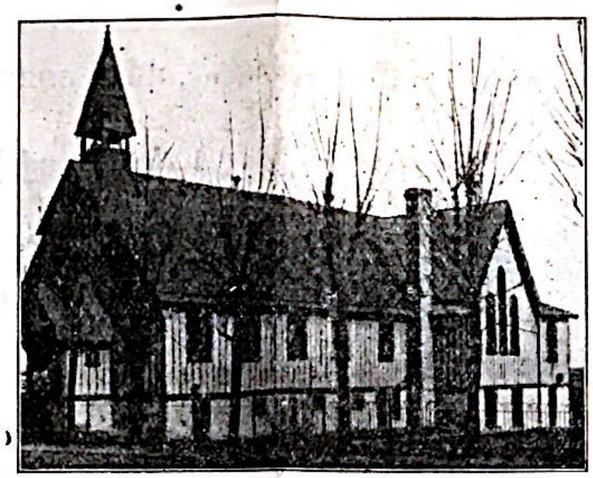
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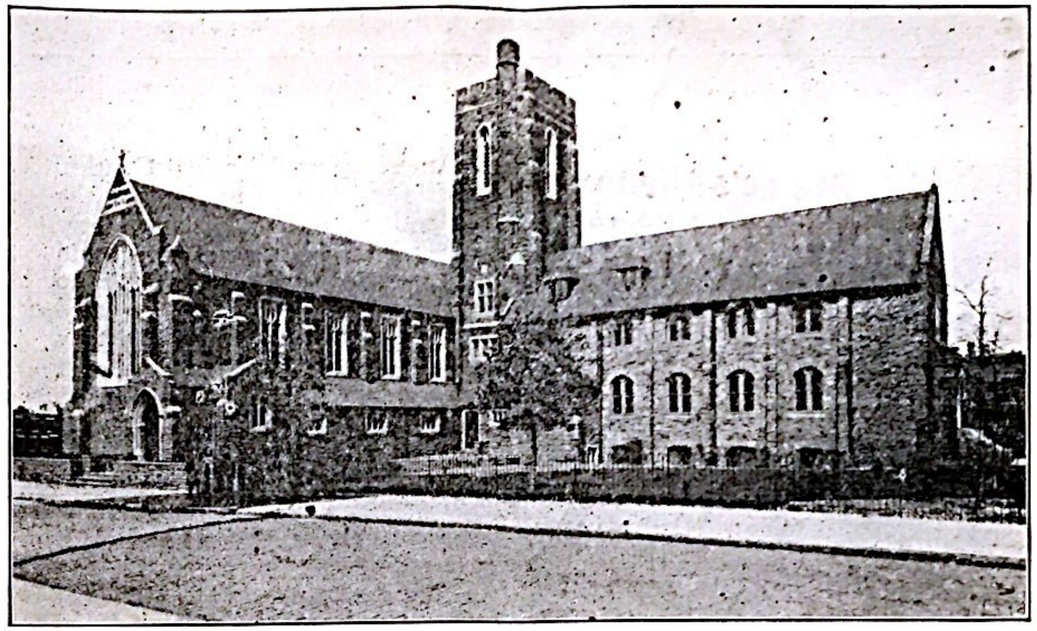
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100 PER CENT. AMERICAN

It was the day after All-American Day, in the exercises of which John took a most enthusiastic part, that his ten-year-old boy asked him at the supper table: "Dad, what is a 100 per cent. American?"

John was about to answer his boy's question when to his great surprise and embarrassment he found it much harder than he thought. But he did the best he could. He told his boy that a "100 per cent. American" was one who loved this country best of all, who would not tolerate any other flag above the Stars and Stripes, who was very patriotic, and believed in Americanism. This seemed to have satisfied the boy. But John felt down deep in his own heart that he really did not answer the question to his own satisfaction, and that he himself had really no definite conception of what he termed "Americanism," and that his mind was very hazy as to what he so glibly and parrot-like styled "100 per cent. American."

So, he decided to have it out with his friend Charles as soon as they met.

Now, Charles was of the thinking kind. He would use no words the meaning of which he could not grasp. He had been trying to define to himself the meaning of the so often used word "Americanism." That he succeeded is evident from his reply to John's inquiry.

"Americanism," said Charles, stands for the sum total of all the laws and institutions of this country at their best socially, politically and religiously. An American who does not live up to these three to the best of his ability is a poor American; he is not a '100 per cent. American.' Socially, we have no classes; that is, we have no such provision. Politically, we are a Democracy; at least, that is what our Constitution says. Religiously, we are Christian. We have, then, government, we have schools, and we have churches. A '100 per cent. American,' therefore, is supposed to be law-abiding, intelligent, and religious. There are thousands of such in the life of our nation, but for the sake of a concrete example let us look to their foremost types—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Take Theodore Roosevelt who is nearest to us, whom we have seen and heard, and know. He was an American, indeed, every inch of him. He was law-abiding. He believed in a 'square deal,' his own phrase, and he was religious. He attended church services regularly wherever possible, and took an active interest in the welfare of the Church which he attended; and he knew his Bible well. This is '100 per cent. American.' Any one lacking one or more of these qualifications may be 50 per cent. American, or 60, or 75 per cent., but he is not a '100 per cent. American.' A 100 per cent. graduate gets his diploma only when he so passes examination on all the subjects required by the School. And a '100 per cent. American' is he who lives up well to ALL the institutions on which the welfare of our nation rests. If a man has education and is a law-abiding citizen, but neglects his Church he is only 66⅔ per cent. American. Did not Theodore Roosevelt, the 100 per cent. American, say: 'We appreciate that the things of the body are important, but we appreciate also that the thing of the soul are immeasurably more important?'

"You, John, doubtless think yourself a 100 per cent. American, because you can read and write, because you love this country and its flag above all others, and because you entered heartily into the exercises of All-American Day, marching till midnight in spite of bad weather; but do you ever attend Church services? Are you actively engaged in upholding this greatest American institution without which all the other American institutions were impossible? Do you know the value of the Sunday School to true Democracy? You are sound in economics; you are sound in politics, but you flunk in religion. And this is the trouble with seventy-five per cent. of our so-called Americans. A '100 per cent. American' stands four square on sound economics, sound politics and sound religion; he who is always ready to show a square deal to neighbor, to state and to the Church. This and only this is true Americanism."

Theodore Roosevelt said: "We are all Americans together; and we must neither permit any divided allegiance in our citizenship, nor any attempt to divide our citizenship along the lines of old-world nationality." If all accepted God as Father, would there be any question of nationality or problem of divided citizenship?

In 1831 the French nation sent its famous statesman, De Toqueville, to this country to find out the source of America's greatness. He later wrote a book on American Democracy. And this is what he told the French senate on his return home:

"Sirs: I went at your bidding. I ascended their mountains, I went down their valleys, I passed along their thoroughfares of trade, I entered their commercial markets, their legislative halls and their judicial courts. I searched everywhere in vain until I entered the Church. It was there, sirs, as I listened to the soul-elevating and soul-equalizing principles of the Gospel of Christ, as they fell from Sabbath to Sabbath on the ears of the waiting multitudes that I learned why America is great and free, and why France is a slave."

If De Toqueville is right, and all right-minded men agree that he is right, then those who weaken the Church and keep it weak by staying away from it, are slowly but surely undermining the greatest American institution on which Americanism rests.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Two hundred members of the Junior Marine Corps, among whom were thirty of our company, took part in the great parade on the evening of All-American Day, April 7, under command of Mr. Halftan Pedersen, service man. They were continuously applauded

all along the line by the thousands of people on both sides of Broad street for their splendid marching order, and manliness of bearing.

The following are added to the list of honor of those who distinguished themselves in giving to Missions by the Lenten boxes. The main list was published in the April VISITOR.

Emma Nieder, Mrs. E. Drummond, Raymond Flickenger, Valeria Wark, Ruth Wark, Lillian Tasker, Rhoda Tasker, Helen Corriston, Mildred Dool, Anna Shore, Carl Shore, Horace Hallowell, William Kirland, Gladys Tustin, Isabel Kirland, Olive Kirland, Katherine Kirland, Elizabeth Sedergram, Margaret Clemens, Julia Clemens, Florence Kirchner.

Our children have done very well in the main. Some of them have done exceedingly well; but our Lenten offering this year amounts to $139.61, just $62.67 less than last year's Lenten offering. This is probably due to lack of employment from which our people are now suffering.

The complete Easter offerings are as follows: From the congregation by Easter envelopes $230.55. From Church organizations $175. From the Sunday School $63.68. This makes a total of $469.23, and $52.38 more than last year.

There is on the whole a growing sense of loyalty and of responsibility and a readiness to support the Church. This will be even more manifest when work is more plentiful, and the present hard times are past.

At the last parish meeting held on Wednesday, March 30th, the following officers were elected: Henry Herbsleb, warden; Halftan Pedersen, treasurer; Harry Rohrback, assistant treasurer; Harry Kaufmann, clerk. In addition to these the following were chosen to serve on the Church Council: Philip Batchelor, James Blodgett, James Dames, Robert P. Dames, Jr., Frank Frederickson, John W. McKinley, Harry Pedersen and John Ralston.

With such a staff on the Church Council we ought to be able to do even more than has been done for the Church in the past. Every member and friend of St. George's Church has the privilege and opportunity of co-operating heartily with the Church Council in making the work of the Church fruitful, and add real Christian life to our community.

The wainscoting of the basement is a great improvement to the room and renders it more fitting for athletic work, besides adding much to appearance. This work was wrought by Messrs. Hjorth and Pedersen; Mr. Bauder doing the varnishing, and the expense of the material was met by the Fathers' Meeting and other societies.

Mr. George Bingham has made a notable contribution for the benefit of the choir by constructing a row of choir lockers for vestments on the first floor of the Parish House, while Mr. James Dames has done some plumbing and Mr. John T. Brown has done some pointing on the parish building. These are illustrations of what our people can do for the Church, beside mere giving

of money. There is hardly anything in the way of improvement and upkeep of the building which our own people could not furnish as a labor of love which counts more than anything else. These gifts of labor are deeply appreciated both by the Pastor and people, and is a source of gratification to the givers, also. Let us cultivate this personal interest in the welfare of the Church.

There are many good deeds done by others, both men, women and children, not mentioned above, who render personal work cheerfully for the sake of the Church. Not one deed, no matter how small, goes for naught. God knows it. They know it, and the people feel the good of it even if they know not the authors. But some day all shall know even as God knows.

The social given by our Sunday School teachers for the benefit of the Church on Friday evening, April the first, was a singular success. It afforded much enjoyment to a goodly gathering of people, and added about $50 to the Church treasury. Is there anything more sensible than that?

There is a growing sentiment among our people against carrying on of block parties for the benefit of the Church. In this sentiment we heartily share. The point in favor of block parties in the past has been the social feature, that of bringing the people of the community together for a good time in the open; but this is much outweighed by the tremendous task and labor it involves, the uncertainty of the weather, and inconvenience and disturbance caused to neighbors whose good will we wish to retain.

It is true that the Church needs the money which block parties yield; but this need can be met with much less labor if those who usually bear the burden of making block parties successful would give their time and energy to visiting our people and explaining to them the more excellent way. A reasonable contribution of money from each one called upon would not only bring all that the block party yields, but would also enable the committee to provide a social entertainment free to all contributors.

It is not too soon to look forward to our most enjoyable annual excursion to Augustine Pier. The last Thursday in July is the date chosen.

The meeting of the Little Helpers and their mothers took place Wednesday afternoon, April 6th. It was one of the brightest gatherings of the year. Last year their missionary offering amounted to nearly $20, and we hope they will do the same if not better this year.

At the Diocesan annual service of the Women's Auxiliary held on Thursday morning, April 28, at the Chapel of the Mediator, Fifty-second and Spruce, our women presented their United Thank Offering, amounting to $18.

The Annual Service of the Girls' Friendly Society took place at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut, Thursday even-

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BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.

491, April 7, Charlotte E. Williamson
492, " 12, William Grant Miller
493, " 14, Kate Weldon

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.

155, April 17, Edwin Leroy McCarty

ing, April 28, at which meeting our Branch was well represented.

The contributions of the Branch to Missions are $16 worth of knitted goods; $3.25 towards a scholarship in the Philippine Islands, and $2 to the G. F. S. Holiday House. Provisions were furnished to needy in the Parish, amounting to $20.

The candidates of the G. F. S. will hold their annual service Saturday afternoon, May 7th, at 2.30 o'clock in St. Paul's Memorial Church, Fifteenth and Porter streets. Their contribution to the Kindergarten of Shitaya Mission, Tokyo, Japan, is $5.

The Council reports that of those who received special envelopes for light and heat and the support of THE VISITOR, only about one-third have so far made returns this year.

They also state that if every member and friend contributed 25 cents weekly towards the support of the Church we should become an independent parish with no need of raising money in other ways. Besides, we should be able to give our people entertainments free.

MEMORIAL DAY

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On this day, May 30th, the Fathers' Meeting of the St. George's Church invite all the parishioners, their families and friends to a solemn memorial service, at 2.30 P. M., to be held in the Church, and to be immediately followed by the dedication, on the corner of our lawn, Indiana avenue and Almond street, of the flag pole and flag-raising, in honor and memory of our boys who served in the World War.

Every Guild and organization, including the Boy Scouts and Junior Marines, should be in readiness to join in the procession. The Sunday School teachers are requested to marshal their classes in order. Let us make it a real Memorial Day, never to be forgotten.

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The formal presentation of the Lenten Offering of all the Sunday Schools of the Diocese will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut streets, Sunday, May 1, at 4 P. M. Teachers will see that a good delegation from St. George's represent our Church at that service.

The Altar Guild will give a Kaffee Klatch and social Friday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock, to which all friends are invited. Admission, twenty-five cents.

An entertainment of moving pictures, including some educational features, will be given on the first floor of the Parish House, Wednesday, May 4th, at 8 P. M. sharp.

The holders of the blue "Church Mite Box" are asked to present it at the service to be held in the Church, Whitsunday, May 15, at 2 P. M. Each holder is requested, if possible, to make the gift not less than one dollar.

Thursday, May 5, is the day on which the Ascension of our Lord is commemorated in Church services. As Christians we cannot dwell too much on our Lord's Mission as the Saviour of the world and the events connected therewith. You are called upon, therefore, to attend our evening service at 8 o'clock on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 5.

Whitsunday, May 15, is observed as the birthday of the Christian Church, which took place in an upper room in the city of Jerusalem, the old Jewish capital, on the day of the Jewish feast day, Pentecost, about 1900 years ago. On this day the day of the beginning of the Christian Church all Christians should make a special effort to attend the Church services, and join in prayers and praise to God.

"The days come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party; but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away."—*Emerson.*

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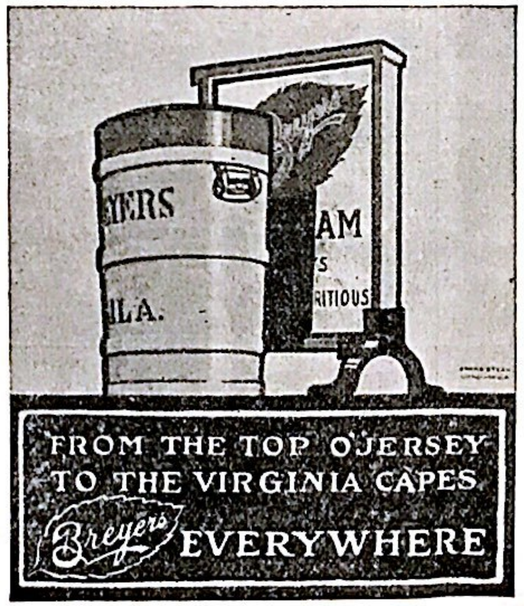
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of Corporate Communion at eight o'clock in the morning each third Sunday in the month. Our next Corporate Communion comes on Whitsunday, May 15. On this anniversary of the birth of the Christian Church every Christian man should deem it both his privilege and his duty to be present either at 8 o'clock Communion, to be followed by the round table conference, or at the 10.30 service. If this notice catches your eye, will you not exert every effort to be in Church on that day? Why wait till you get sick, or are dying, to show your faith in Christ? Why not act like a Christian while you are in good health and in full vigor of manhood? It was our Lord Jesus' earnest request that we should observe Holy Communion in remembrance of Him not when we are sick or dying, but when we are well and living.

The Drexel Biddle Social Workers is an organization of women devoting their time to beneficent enterprises. We are glad to record that some of our women have become active members of this praiseworthy company.

On Friday evening, April 22, a large audience of our people witnessed a most entertaining and thrilling exhibition of athletic art, given by the members of our gymnasium, under the direction of Mr. Rufus Tasker. The show surpassed all expectations in sustained intense interest throughout the whole program. The parents were very agreeably surprised and were lost in admiration of the physical skill and manliness of their boys. The Church is aiming at a healthy body and a healthy soul, and Mr. Tasker's help in that direction is very much appreciated.

Altar flowers in April were provided as follows: April 3, the Altar Guild. April 17, Altar Guild and Mrs. Kate Weldon, in memory of her mother.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

The Sunday School Lenten offering this year is $95. This is most praiseworthy. It will be presented by delegates from the Sunday School at the service to be held in Holy Trinity Church, Nineteenth and Walnut, Sunday, May 1, at 4 P. M.

A fine class of girls promoted to the Main Department, Sunday, April 17, are as follows:

Verna McGovern, Helen Herz, Naomi Herz, Ella Brenner, Mary Noble, Esther Riedel, Katherine Seifert, Emma Tustin, Anna Damm, Margaret Moran and Katherine Hinke. Mr. George Ochsle volunteered to take charge of this most promising class.

The crying need in our Sunday School is the want of teachers.

We are much indebted to Charles Donohue for his faithful service given unstintedly and quietly to the Chapel in the keeping up of the fires through the winter months. It is highly appreciated. Such personal service counts for much in the eyes of God and men.

The lawn is in need of attention. What do the Boy Scouts say?

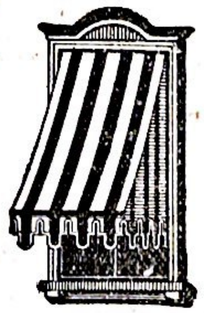
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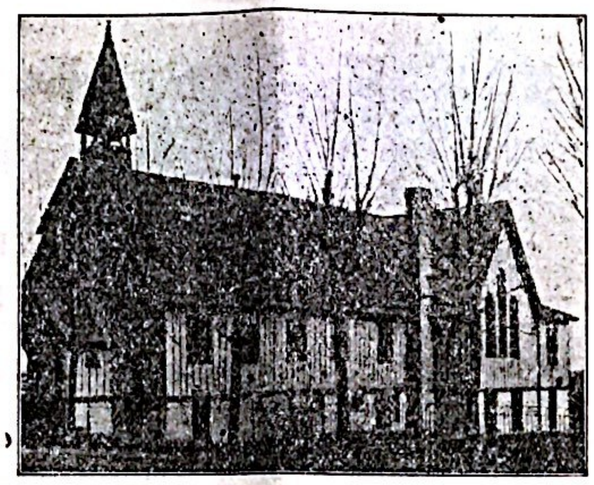
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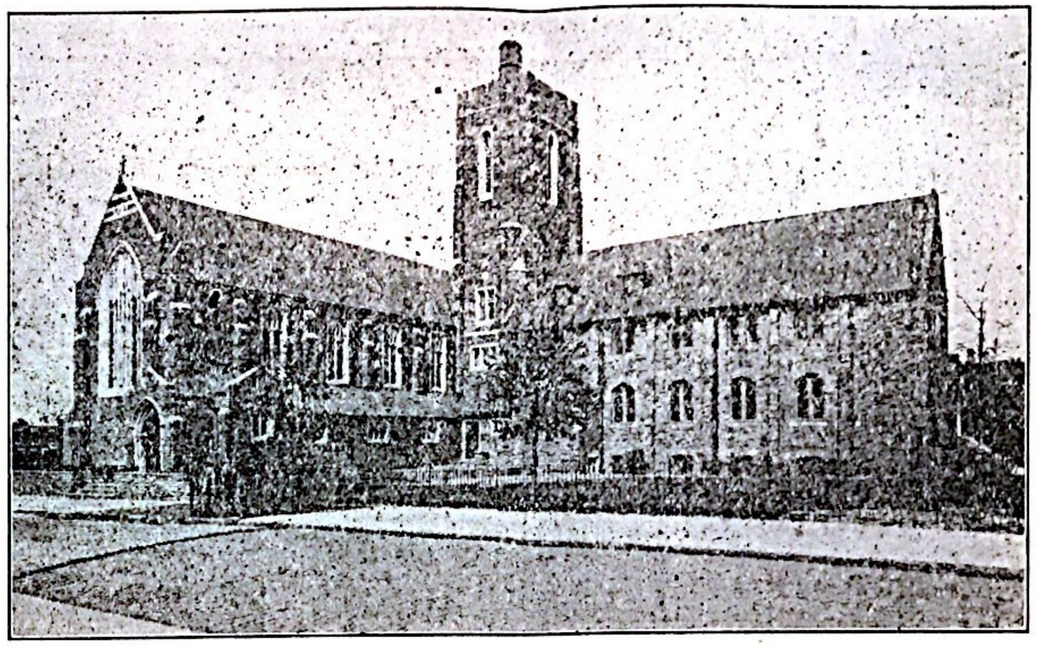
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THE LATEST

"Have you heard the latest?" "What do you mean; the young woman found dead after a gay night party?" "No." "Do you mean the beating up and robbing of the two young men on their way from Church Sunday evening by a crowd of thirty?" "No, you have another guess." "You do not mean the killing of the boatman by the sixteen-year-old boy? Or the man who murdered the rich business man who won away his sweetheart, herself a married woman?" "No, no, no. These are not the latest. These and a great deal more are but of daily occurrence. We are shocked no more at these things. We are getting used to them. But I mean the latest sensation. I mean the campaign set in motion by decent people to improve our Sunday Schools, and to turn the hearts of the people to God and the Church.

It is a note from the Gospel of Love. And how it has found its way into the newspaper, and how it makes itself heard above the jazz dance of crime and pleasure and the noise of the devil's brass band is the most wonderful part in this latest event.

All these years we have been having *secular* papers and *religious* papers. The religious papers concerned themselves with matters of Church, Sunday School and the welfare of the human soul. The secular papers concerned themselves with matters of commerce, trade, social life and especially their own interests. Gradually life got to run in two distinct streams, *secular* and *religious*. Life was divided in two compartments. There were religious men and secular men, religious houses and secular houses. Some people became wholly religious and some people wholly secular; and so it got to the point where some people did the religious work of the community and some people did the secular work of the community. Quite often there were the two in one, with a partition wall between them. The same man had a religious and a secular air-tight compartment within himself duly separated from each other, the Sunday life and the weekday life, so that religion and business or politics did not interfere with each other. It was life cut in two, or a double life, if you please. In spite of our Lord's warning, "Ye cannot serve two masters," Christian people have tried the experiment for centuries, and with the same result as that of a house divided against itself.

Many people who could not keep the two compartments in their hearts air-tight, found the leaks from one into the other uncomfortable. Inconsistency spoiled their pleasure; they, therefore, left religion out and gave themselves wholly to the world. They may be classed as Churchless-Christless Christians.

Others have managed by patent devices to patch up the leaks in the partition wall, and to continue to go to Church. They are Christless Church people. The fault of both of these is that they divide life into secular and religious, whereas life is one. In Christian life there is neither *religious* nor *secular*. Both are mingled into one called *life* as taught by the Gospel of Love.

People have been drifting from this Gospel a long time and a long way. Is this latest event of a daily newspaper taking up a campaign for the Sunday School an honest effort to return to the Gospel of Love?

MEMORIAL DAY

This day was most appropriately observed by the people of St. George's Church. At 11 A. M. a Memorial Service was held in the Church, well filled by men, women and children. The Boy Scouts and the Junior Marines were also present under their colors.

At the close of this service the congregation proceeded to the recently planted flag pole on the Church lawn, Indiana avenue and Almond street, where the dedication ceremonies took place at noon. The children were stationed inside the lawn and the people who gathered in large number stood outside on the street.

The program began by singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic. On a small decorated platform near the flag pole and facing the people stood Miss Olive Brown, who served as nurse in the American army in France, and who was chosen to raise the flag, and the Rev. A. J. Arkin, pastor of the congregation, who offered up the dedicatory prayer. Miss Brown then raised the flag, and as Old Glory fluttered in the breeze on high the people burst out in the song of the Star-Spangled Banner. This was followed by a brief address by the pastor. The ceremonies were concluded by singing America, followed by the benediction. The people then gave three cheers for Miss Brown.

This steel flag pole was given to us by the Lupton people. It stands about 70 feet from the ground. Backed by the Fathers' Meeting who bought the flag, and defrayed the other expenses, the work of erecting the pole was done by our men themselves. The flag pole was dedicated to the memory and honor of those of our people who served in the World War. As the Stars and Stripes stream from its top against the blue sky it stands also the symbol of our faith in God, who is the Father of all, and whose service is perfect freedom.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Memorial flowers for the altar during the month of May were furnished as follows: May 1, Mrs. Millington, in memory of her father; May 8, Mrs. Thomas Davidson, in memory of her husband; May 15, Mrs. Abrahamson, in memory of her mother; May 22, Mrs. Wenzel, in memory of her husband; May 29 and Memorial Day, Mrs. Parker, in memory of her mother; and Harry Carswell, in memory of John T. Carswell, his brother.

There is a growing sentiment among our people against block parties as a means of raising funds for the support of the Church. They feel that there is a better and more respectable way of helping to meet the expenses of the Church's

work. It is the simpler and more honorable way. Incidentally, it does away with a lot of hard work and anxiety usually forced upon the few; and saves all of us from giving any possible offense to neighbors which usually accompanies block parties.

The better and more excellent way is this: Those who have faith in the work of our Church, and like to see it grow and prosper, will be asked by a committee to make a money contribution towards the "block party" fund for the support of the Church; and at the end of the canvass to celebrate its success, for a success it will be, with a grand social entertainment in our parish house free to all our people and friends.

Naturally, we expect a liberal contribution from all. For each contributor may be sure that whatever he or she gives will, all of it, go to the Church.

OUR ANNUAL EXCURSION

We have been fortunate in securing our favorite day, the last Thursday in July, for our annual picnic. The "Steamer Thomas Clyde" will leave Allegheny Wharf at 8 A. M. sharp for Augustine Beach, and will return to the same wharf early in the evening. The fare is forty cents each way for adults, and twenty cents each way for children.

Our excursion to Augustine Beach in the past has invariably been successful. The success of an excursion depends on the kind of company you have with you. Begin now to make up your circle of friends whose company you will enjoy. Our picnics have always been a sort of family reunions and renewals of fellowship. Let us keep up our tradition.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

The third Sunday in each month has been set aside by our men for Corporate Communion at 8 A. M., followed immediately by breakfast and round table fellowship in the Parish House. Every man should so arrange his engagements as to enable him to participate in these helpful and enjoyable fellowships.

The service of the presentation of the Bishop's Bricks Fund was held in Grace Church, Mt. Airy, Saturday, May 14, at 3 o'clock. There was a long procession of Sunday School children of many Churches of the Diocese who marched into the Church singing between two lines of boy scouts. The Church was filled with Sunday School scholars. Bishop Rhinelander officiated. The singing was very good. The offerings presented were accompanied by models of beautiful churches, finished and unfinished, and by hods and baskets of bricks. These were brought to the chancel by children delegates of the Sunday Schools. There were seventeen delegates from St. George's Sunday School and about fifty from the Polish school. They brought to the chancel a model of a beautiful church building, only half done, showing their aspiration and hope and hard work for the Church building they are anxious to have, and ought to have, and by the grace of God and the help of people will have.

The offerings amounted to over $2000, given by the children to the Bishop with which he may build churches wherever needed.

On Saturday, May 21, in the afternoon, your pastor attended the exhibition of class work done this season on the public playground. As he had been working so hard for the playground, and successfully, he was naturally overjoyed to see the excellent results. There was a fine exhibition of folk dancing by the girls and some athletic stunts by the boys in the presence of about 2000 people, mostly children. The police band furnished the music. There were present also Director of Public Welfare, Mr. Tustin; the president of city council, Mr. Roper; Major and Mrs. Biddle and others. It was a great festal day for the community, and much credit is due to those in charge of this great welfare work.

The same day our men placed the flag pole in position on our lawn, corner Indiana avenue and Almond street, ready for dedication on Memorial Day. The base was prepared by them the Saturday before, May 8th. It was a hard and intricate job, but they did it, and did it well. Those who did it have stored up for themselves a great deal of satisfaction which no one can take from them.

It is with a sense of pride and gratification that we note the growing number of men taking active interest in the welfare of the Church. This interest is shown by hard and skillful labor given freely in repairs and improvement which is quite a saving in the economy of Church property.

Our Church Council as now constituted is rendering efficient help in the business affairs of the Church, and deserves all praise and co-operation.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Everybody has his day. Children pre-eminently ought to have their day, and a mighty good one. Children's Day will be observed in St. George's Church the second Sunday, June 12, at 2 in the afternoon. Parents are especially asked to cooperate in seeing that they attend Sundal School on that day. You cannot over-estimate the influence of Sunday School on the future lives of your children. Upholding of the Sunday School means upholding the future of your children Despising the Sunday School means despising the future of your children. The best heritage you can leave your children is Christian character, the thing which is inculcated in childhood in the Sunday School, and is therefore most lasting.

On Saturday, May 28, we received a letter from the treasurer of the "Star Savings Bank," expressing regret that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of that bank it was decided to discontinue the sale of Star Savings Stamps. This makes it impossible for this Church to continue the Stamp Savings

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BAPTISMS

No.
1084, April 30, Joseph Werthwine
1085, May 5, Gladys Augusta Keyser
1086, " 8, Charles Paget
1087, " 8, Ethel Mary Paget
1088, " 8, Frances Emily Lee
1089, " 8, Albert Charles Paget
1090, " 22, Myrtle Sellers
1091, " 22, Verna Mary Wolfinger
1092, " 29, George John Honeyford

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
494, April 29, James White
495, May 23, Margaret Callahan

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
156, May 1, Harry Robert Vanderslice
157, " 15, Arthur Ellwood Yonker
158, " 15, Norman Elisha Oechsle

Fund for the accommodation of our neighbors.

For more than seventeen years we have served the people of this neighborhood, free, both here and in Venango, with this means of safe deposit of their money they wished to lay by for a needy hour. There was much work and much care attached to it, but we were glad to help. Not only hundreds, but thousands of men, women and children have been helped judging by the numbers who had taken advantage of the Savings Fund, and the amounts of money entrusted to us by them. We are, therefore, exceedingly sorry that we are compelled to discontinue the Stamp Savings Fund for the reason just given. But we expect still to continue the Coal Savings Fund as heretofore. Meantime we shall be glad to redeem all outstanding stamps brought to us: in the Chapel, Venango, Tuesday, from 9 to 10, and at the Parish House here, Saturday, from 8 to 9 A. M.

Four great religious bodies, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the National Catholic Welfare Council, the General Conference of American Rabbis, and the United Synagogue of America, have appealed to all the clergy of this country, asking that June 5 be made Peace Sunday in all American churches. Accordingly, we shall so observe the day in our Church services.

How often do we forget that which we ought to remember. Most of us never forget our own virtues. No matter how small they may be, we are much tempted to dwell upon them. We are proud of them, and we do not suffer others to overlook them. But how many of us possess the virtue we ought to have? The virtue of love; the virtue

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which our Lord emphasized above all other virtues, and which St. Paul the Apostle insists is greater than faith and hope? "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become a sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing."

According to the religion which we profess, then, it matters not how many and how big our virtues are, they are not virtues at all if we have no love. And if we have love, we have all virtues. Have we any love? Do we love God? Do we love neighbor? Do we love the people among whom we live and with whom we come in contact? Ah, this is the acid test of our religion. How many of us pass this test day by day honorably?

There is a proposition made, coming from the Church Council, of the advisability to discontinue Sunday evening services during the warm months, and hold instead late afternoon services, say, at about 4 o'clock, in July and August. It is a proposition worthy of consideration. We trust our people will respond to this idea and help to make it practicable.

Because the Pastor and Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School are anxious and eager to have the children attend regularly the Sunday School sessions it does not follow that the parents of these children should not be equally anxious and eager. Yes, they ought to be even more so. The fact that a teacher sometimes stays away from his class does not mean that the scholar is without a teacher during that session. There is never a class without a teacher. We always manage to have all children instructed when they come. The real difficulty is to get all parents convinced of the importance of Sunday School teaching.

The Annual Service and Exhibit of the Lenten work of the candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society took place in St. Paul's Memorial Church, Fifteenth and Porter streets, Saturday, May 7th, at three in the afternoon. The following members of St. George's Church were present: Amelia Boyer, Mary Davidson, Elizabeth Herbsleb, Katherine Hinke, Viola Keller, Katherine Kirland, Isabel Kirland, Myrtle Maharg, Genevieve Martin, Emilia Raffler, Barbara Thomas, Lena Wurst, Katherine Wurst and Ann Vautier.

Elizabeth Herbsleb received a beautiful certificate of honorable mention for excellent work for the year.

This is fine.

Thanks to Mr. Ernest L. Tustin, Director of Public Welfare, and the co-operation of Mayor Moore, and the intercession of our friend, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, president of our Fathers' Meeting, the city council has just appropriated $125,000 for a recreation building

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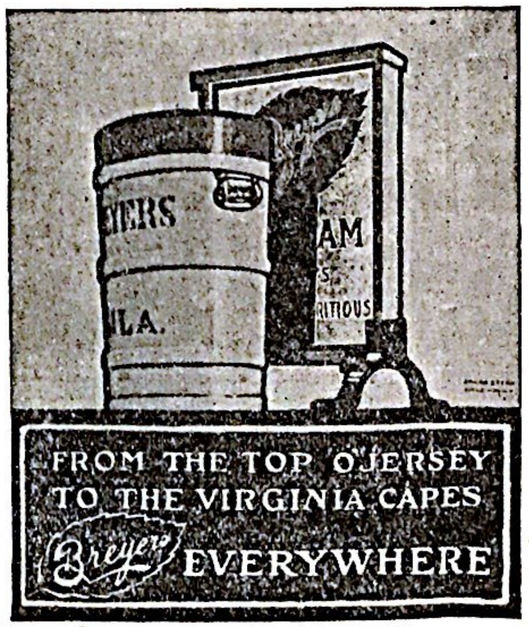
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for our public playground to which reference was made on another page of this issue. This is the realization of your pastor's dream since he began to work for a public playground for this community nearly ten years ago.

At the regular Quarterly Parish Meeting, Wednesday evening, June 1st, reports were made by the heads of all branches of our church activities, telling of progress made and help needed. In discussing various propositions for the benefit of the church, it was unanimously agreed that block parties be discontinued, and a direct appeal be made to the people to make up the sum which a block party yields.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Miss Coulter, treasurer of the Women's United Thank Offering of the Chapel, reports as follows:

The twelve faithful women of St. George's Chapel, Venango, have contributed $20, and I know if every woman in the Church gave as cheerfully and as thankfully as they have given, God's work would not be hindered by lack of money, at least.

Beginning with Sunday, June 5, Sunday School and Bible Class sessions will be at 9.30 A. M., and Morning Prayer at 10.45. These services take the place of the evening service to be discontinued until fall.

The annual picnic of the Chapel Sunday School to Pleasant Hill will take place Saturday, June 25. Tickets for adults, fifty cents; for children, twenty-five cents. The auto trucks will leave the Chapel, Edgemont and Venango streets, at 8 A. M. Get your tickets early.

We all are grateful to the men who gave their time and labor to painting the fence and railing, and in other ways improved the appearance of our Chapel.

A garden party and fair will be held at "Wyck," the colonial home of Mr. Casper Wister Haines, 6026 Germantown avenue, on Thursday, June 9th, from 2 to 8 P. M., for the benefit of the building fund of Emmanuel Church, Kensington. Admission, twenty-five cents.

The room in the basement of the Chapel where the Kindergarten work is done daily during the week under Miss Ott, and where the Primary Sunday School meets on Sunday under Miss Coulter, and which is also used by the Scouts and others on weekday evenings; this room which if it could talk would have so much to say of beautiful, beneficent, helpful, self-denying Christian work and workers; this room which of late has grown shabby and worn by much use, has been recently renovated, washed, scrubbed, painted, and beautified to the great delight of the little children and all who enter therein.

And, mark you, it was not done by hired help, but by labor of love, given by some of the people and children themselves.

Mrs. Hanson did much scrubbing for days. And the Boy Scouts, some of whom are old graduates of the Kindergarten, and have never ceased to love it, entered wholeheartedly into the plastering of the walls and painting of the woodwork and general improvement work, still under the guidance of their teacher and friend, Miss Ott. Then came the great and agreeable surprise when, by some sort of hidden conspiracy, Messrs. Hanson, Saybolt, and Hipson got together in the night and put on the walls a three-foot base coat of oil paint in steel gray which sets off in striking beauty the buff of the room. It was skilfully and beautifully done. But the most beautiful thing of it all is that all who worked hard for this improvement enjoy it immensely, for it is pleasant to look at. We are all very grateful to those who have shown us such a magnificent example of good work, and example worthy of imitation.

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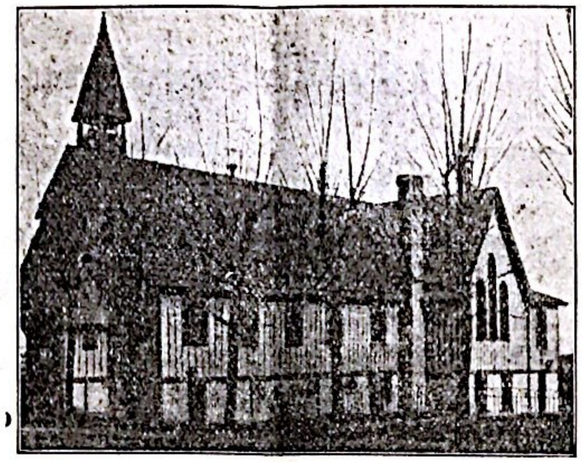
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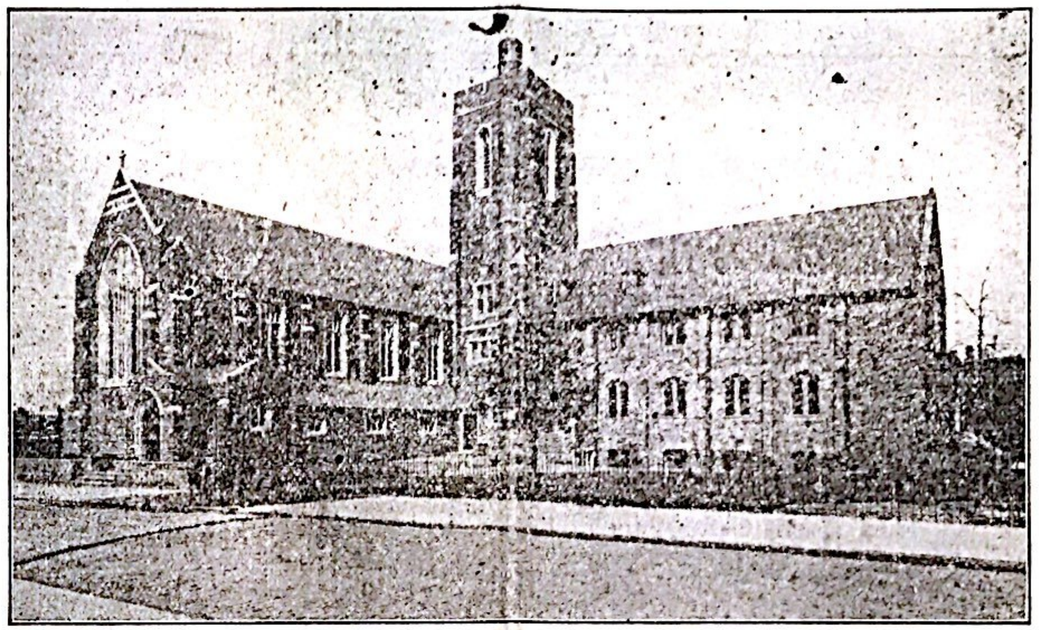
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"MY HOUSE"

Several centuries before Christ an Old Testament prophet announced to the world: "Thus saith the Lord, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

When Christ began His saving mission, He taught the people in the temple; and in one of His addresses He quoted the Old Testament prophet, saying: "Is it not written, My house shall be a house of prayer for all the nations . . .?"

God fills the universe. He is everywhere. Yet He does not call the universe His house. But He calls His house the place where His children gather together for worship. "My house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples." A building in which the people come together for prayer is God's house.

With God there is neither time nor space. But our life on earth can find expression only through things temporal. A Church, which is a fixed place, and in which services of divine worship are held at stated times and by the people in common, is the only means by which human beings can best grasp the reality of God, the Heavenly Father, the all-pervading Spirit, the Eternal. It is for this reason that a Church is called the House of God; not that God is confined to that particular place, and all other houses are not God's houses; but because it is a place where all people worship Him by prayer and praise. People go to the House of God when they go to Church for prayer and praise of God. "For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." When people stay away from Church they stay away from the place which God calls "My House." A building without people is not a House of God. When people stay away from Church they help to do away with the House of God. A Church is a constant reminder that God dwells among us. When we eliminate the Church from our life, we destroy the House of God, and with it goes the thought of God; and without the thought of God in the life of the people, men and women are bound to degenerate, both in thoughts and deeds.

Empty pews in the Church, at the time of divine worship, register the degree of such degeneracy; and this degeneracy becomes more fatal when camouflaged, or made up for, by pleasing appearances of wealth and culture, or fine clothes.

Some people may challenge this statement with some show of reasonableness by pointing to their own Churchless goodness, but only as long as the House of God is kept up by others; or as long as there is a House of God. But what will happen when the counterfeit goodness of the world does away entirely with the House of God.

Every man and woman who stays away from Church helps the coming of that time. Are you that man or that woman?

THE ANNIVERSARY

At our last Parish Meeting, Wednesday, September 14th, the suggestion by the Church Council to celebrate the Anniversary was adopted by all present. It is called *The Anniversary*, because it marks the completion of twenty years of service of our Pastor, the sixteenth anniversary of the erection of our Parish House, and the second Anniversary of the dedication of our new Church. And it would be also a fine thing if all our people would make it the celebration of the anniversary of their Baptismal vows, Confirmation vows, or Marriage vows, taken by them in St. George's Mission.

And so we shall call it The Anniversary.

The date for this celebration was chosen Monday evening, November 21st, for it was on that day twenty years ago that our Pastor took charge of St. George's Mission. At that time we were very small, and very poor, and the value of our property was about $2500. Today we are much larger, and much richer, and the value of our property is about $145,000, not counting the increased value of the property of the Chapel, Venango, where we had our beginning.

This gives much meaning to our Anniversary, which is characterized by thanksgiving.

The celebration of the Anniversary will begin with a cantata, by our choir, Monday evening, November 21, at 8 o'clock, in the Church, and will be followed immediately by a social and refreshments in the Parish House. And will close with a hearty Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving Day morning, November 24, at 10.30 o'clock.

It is quite natural that we should love to have our people and our friends, all of them, look forward to this celebration with pleasure and share in common our Christian fellowship.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Drexel Biddle Social Workers, of women, held their first fall meeting in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Twentieth and Walnut streets, Tuesday evening, September 20th. Our delegates brought back a most encouraging report of many acts of helpfulness among the sick and needy, of comfort and aid to the afflicted and oppressed, both by gifts of money and things, the works of their hands, by these Drexel Biddle Social Workers, throughout the year. And the best part of the report is that these Workers, having witnessed the blessed results of their labors, are determined to continue to enlarge their activities. And we are very glad that some of our women here form a branch of this praiseworthy Society.

For sometime recently an employment bureau has been established in Holy Trinity Parish House, Twentieth and Walnut streets, under the auspices of the Drexel Biddle Bible Classes, in charge of Sergeant Hawkey. Our men seeking employment would do well to call on Sergeant Hawkey Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the place mentioned.

Our annual Hallowe'en Party will be given under the auspices of our Women's Guild Monday evening, October 31st, at our Parish House. We suggest that some

prizes be given out for those who distinguish themselves in costume either way; and that the prizes be very inexpensive.

The Kensington Girls' Club have begun their meetings Monday evening, September 19th, with good prospects for a successful season.

At the Parish meeting referred to above, it was unanimously decided to hold our annual Fair Friday and Saturday, December 2-3. All our people and friends are asked to contribute something for the tables. And now is the time to begin.

The Girls' Friendly Society, at their second meeting this fall, Monday evening, September 19, had a scrubbing party. Each member brought her working clothes, with soap and scrubbing brush, and when they got through the room in which they meet looked like one who had a bath. It was the jolliest party, and every one enjoyed immensely the well-earned refreshments provided by the girls themselves. The party was such a success as to suggest the having of another one like it.

In a short time we shall have our wireless station in working order under the supervision of our Boy Scout Troop No. 60. It has been slow in coming, but when it is completed it will be a first-class one.

The returns so far from those who have contributed to the fund which is to take the place of a block party is about $210. It is not as much as might have been realized from a block party, but it is by far the better and nobler way to support the Church. In the face of so much unemployment among our people, with no income, this contribution speaks well for the loyalty of our people. The opportunity of contributing to this fund is still open to those who wish to avail themselves of it.

Love and not merit should be our ambition. For love is never satisfied with itself; seeketh not her own; not what she can get out, but what she can put in. Love never faileth. Everybody wants love; but nobody can get love without giving. If you wish everybody to love you, you must love everybody. Give, and it shall be given unto you, full measure, pressed down, and running over shall men give into your bosom. Whenever you begin to think that people dislike you, or snob you, or neglect you, see immediately what the matter is with yourself. Turn the microscope on yourself. There is where you will find the trouble. Judge yourself by the same judgment you are ready to judge others, and you will have no difficulty in restoring the harmony of a disordered mind. Remember that people are your own image in your looking glass. It acts exactly as you do. Do unto others as ye would men should do unto you.

The fall quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Institute of our District met Thursday evening, September 22, in the Parish House of the Free Church of St. John. The Rev. Frederick B. Halsey, of St. Ambrose Mission, presided. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Boynton, professor of the New York Theological Seminary. Over eighty teachers were present, and the discussion was interesting and profitable. These meetings should be encouraged by the presence of every Sunday School teacher and superintendent.

St. George's Athletic Association, both the junior and senior classes, begun their fall exercises most auspiciously, and with a balance in the treasury of $67.97. Within the last six months of its existence the Association received in membership dues $47.31; from its exhibition, $58.40, and patrons, $10. Its expenses, including a donation of $16.65 to the Church, amounted to $47.74.

At its meeting held September 23 the Association decided to stage early in January a competitive exercise in parallel bars, high jumping, wrestling and boxing. Silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners, and a gold medal will be given to the all-around champion. This competition is open only to members in good standing not less than three months, as provided by the By-Laws.

The early Christians used to have at stated times a social which they called **Agape**, which means a love feast, which was closely connected with the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It is referred to also in one of the letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians. It is this beautiful custom that our men try to perpetuate, in a modernized fashion, by the Men's Corporate Communion, followed by a breakfast, every third Sunday in the month.

We trust that our men will make this custom in our Church permanent. This custom tends to bind men together in genuine fellowship than any other in the world; because its bond of union is Christ.

Our choirmaster calls for volunteers to help in the cantata which will be sung on the evening of our Anniversary, November 21. Our young people are asked to offer their services in the rehearsals just begun. Our choir meets on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, when any one inclined to help may come to see Mr. Eayre, who will be glad to be interviewed.

At every Baptism both parents and sponsors promise to look after the spiritual instruction of the baptized children "as soon as they shall be able to learn." The least parents and sponsors can do in fulfilment of their obligation is to see that the children whom they brought to the Baptismal Font should attend Sunday School, where the religious instructions are given most effectively by the devoted teachers and officers of the Sunday School. It would be well for the parents and sponsors to turn to the Baptismal service on page 244 of the Book of Common Prayer and read over the pledge they have made in the child's interest. We are sure this reading will spur them on to the performance of their duty.

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BAPTISMS

No.
1107, Aug. 28, Dorothy May Pyfer
1108, Sept. 4, Anna Marie Saybolt
1109, " 18, Darris Schalk Brown
1110, " 18, Walter Christian Fluck
1111, " 18, Roy Milton Bond
1112, " 25, Warren Benjamin Haas
1113, " 25, Eleanore Marie Tasker
1114, " 28, Theodore Kampf

MARRIAGES

No.
195, Sept. 3. { Charles George Moegen / Marion Julia Moffatt

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
502, Sept. 4, Walter James Atwood

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
159, Sept. 18, Bertram Emil Schmidt
160, " 18, Marion Anna Hodges
161, " 18, Margaret Henrietta Boucher

BURIALS

28, Aug. 29, Martha K. Shellem

Our Church Treasurer would be glad to have your application for a set of weekly envelopes, if you have none, for the use of the support of the Church. Those who have these envelopes he would urge to use them diligently. Any error in the accounting will be promptly rectified as soon as it is brought to the Treasurer's attention.

Contributions to the Church have never impoverished the giver, and never will. No one has ever suffered from giving to the Church, and never will. Avoid the temptation, in hard times, to "cut" the Church *first*, and in good times to add it *last*. It is not fair.

Beginning with this month, October, weekly envelopes will be distributed to contributors for 1921-1922, quarterly. Among these envelopes you will find one special envelope for light and heat, and another for the printing of ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR. We have just contracted a bill for about $400 for coal alone for the coming winter, and we rely on your support to enable us to pay it. There will be no difficulty in keeping out of debt if everybody does his part.

An urgent request has been issued by our Bishops and Executive Council of the Diocese to all Parishes and Missions to hold special meetings, or Parish Conferences of the people, on convenient dates within the second and third weeks of October, for the purpose of informing the people of the doings of the Episcopal Church at home and abroad. This information is to be given by specially chosen speakers. It would be very helpful to the people of St. George's Church to ar-

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range for such a Conference. Our Church Council should use every effort to bring it about.

The time for our Bishop's visitation to our Church is drawing nigh, and, according to time-honored custom, we are to present to the Bishop for Confirmation those who are ready and willing to count themselves members of St. George's Church. It is the fondest wish of the Pastor to present to the Bishop on Confirmation Day a large class of people of all ages, as he has done in years past. He therefore expects to have the co-operation of all the members of the congregation to put him in touch with those who are inclined to join the Confirmation Class.

If it be a sin for any one not believing as I do as regards doctrinal questions of a divided Church, it is still a greater sin for me to hate him for his unbelief. The biggest sin condemned by our Lord and the Apostles is hate. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." Can there a condemnation be more strongly expressed? And this condemnation is not for stealing, or adultery, or any other crime, but for hating, and hating under any circumstance whatsoever. And yet have we not known people who call themselves Christians, who persuade themselves that they are doing God service in cruelly persecuting, and hating, those whom they consider unorthodox, that is, who are not in every detail alike unto themselves. In the religion of Christ there is more reason for communicating with one another than for excommunicating each other. In fact there is hardly any reason at all for the latter in the teaching of the New Testament. Whence, then, the old hate that will not down? It springs from presumption, pride, and vain glory, every one of which is stupid, bad, and mischievous, to say the least. There is something strange in our nature which makes it more easy for us to be barbarian than Christian. This we ought to acknowledge for our own good and the Peace of others.

Flowers for the Altar during September were furnished as follows: September 4, by the Altar Guild; September 18, by Mrs. Rose Sachs, in memory of her daughter Alice; Miss Ann Vautier and Mrs. Poe, in memory of mother and sister Laura; Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson, in memory of their son Douglas; September 25, by Mrs. William Schwendenman, in memory of her husband. Such memorials are most beautiful in the eyes of God and men.

With this month the Jnnior Brotherhood of St. Andrew should resume its regular meetings. We cannot imagine that our young men will allow such an opportunity to slip by; an opportunity of doing some service, as Christian men, in upholding high the name of Christ and His Church. We suggest that our young men consult the Pastor about this matter.

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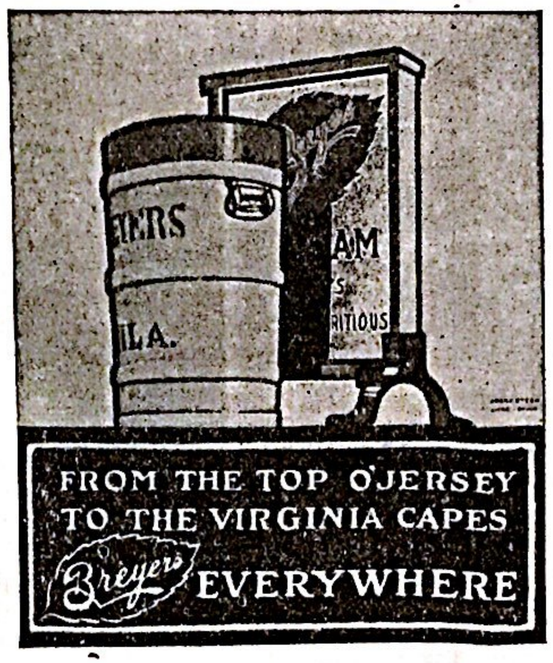
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Look to our Christianity. How many are Christians, both among rich and poor alike? What a poor example the rich and powerful show to the poor and weak! Alas, the good and the noble are too few to make the needed impression.

Why do so many Protestants stay away from Church? Why is their support of the Church so meager in comparison with its importance to the welfare of a people? We cannot get an honest answer to this question. The answers we do get are not honest. The answer we ought to get is kept back for shame. Can this lead to anything good? Is it not time that we try the remedy of St. James for our social ills from which we all suffer, namely: "Confess your sins one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed"?

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

The Rev. Mr. Arkin will officiate at the service of Holy Communion the second Sunday morning, October 9, at 8 o'clock. We should like to see all our people present at that service, the more so since we can have this service only once a month.

Again the women of the Chapel have shown their love and loyalty for the Church by their hard work in making the block party given September 23-24 a signal success. The net result is $95.60 for the Chapel treasury. But we trust that this is not the only result. We trust that this block party has quickened the bond of friendship of our people for the Church and for one another, and stirred up a keen sense of duty to God in the way of Church attendance on the Lord's Day.

Choir rehearsal has been resumed on Thursday evenings, beginning with October 6. Those having good voices are invited to help the work of the choir, and those who cannot serve in the choir are invited to come and hear those who can and do serve every Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Kindergarten is again at work, with a membership of nearly forty little ones, more than one-half new pupils, taking the place of those who graduated for the public school. The teachers of the public school are glad to receive our Kindergarten graduates, as they make the best-behaved school children.

The members of our Woman's Guild again express their utmost gratitude to the Flower Committee of the Missionary Guild of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, for the abundant gift of flowers, sent to St. George's Mission, Sept. 28th; and for the privilege of carrying the cheer and comfort which flowers always bring to the sick and distressed.

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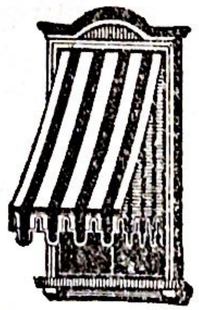
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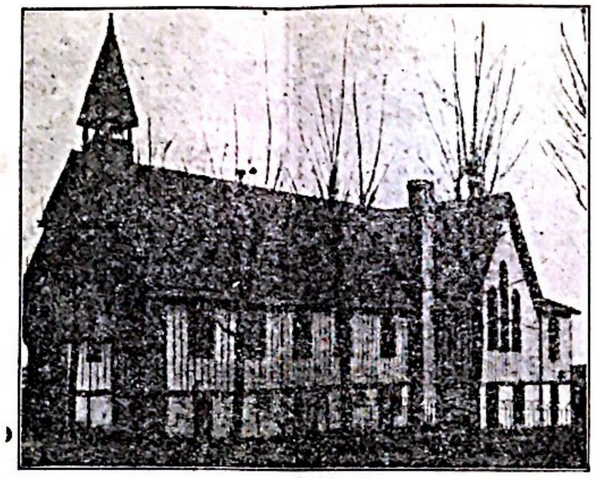
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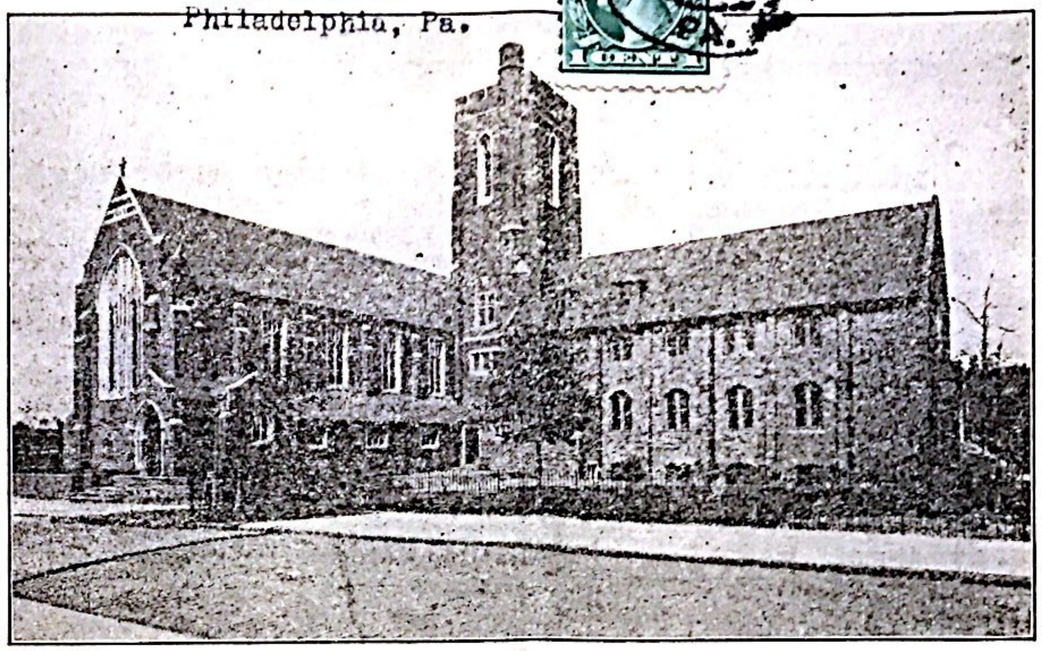
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TWENTY YEARS

Did you ever climb a steep mountain? Well, if you did, you know how little time there is for the climber to look backward. In fact it is not always safe for him to turn around. He has to keep looking up most of the time especially when the top is high up and the ascent is steep. Besides, it is of very little use to look back when there is so much in front of you, and the time is precious. Having his mind continually on the next step, the good climber's eye is busy seeking a safe foothold, making every step count. Thus instead of continually looking backward he is making progress forward and upward. And thus is accomplishing the object for which he started out.

A climber like this is never unmindful of our Lord's saying: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

And yet, it is well that the diligent climber of a steep and high mountain should stop, not too often, but after some appreciable time, and turn to look over the distance he has covered and left behind him.

This he may find profitable in two ways, profitable and helpful for his task; namely, the fact that he has not labored in vain, and the renewed courage which flows therefrom, and cheers him on in his efforts.

It is quite proper therefore that St. George's congregation, after twenty years since the beginning of its revival, should together with their Pastor and in company with their fellow workers, celebrate this Anniversary by the finest and most edifying means at their command.

We have all learned much in twenty years. And there is no doubt that much of it has been the development of a sense of appreciation of God's goodness towards us and of a deeper regard and fellowship, and even affection, among ourselves. Surely, with such equipment we ought to be able to make this Anniversary memorable to the edifying of ourselves and our neighbors.

If we follow these our finer sensibilities, we shall all be in Church Sunday evening, November 20th, regardless of any obstacle, to inaugurate our Anniversary, with the fine Cantata to be rendered by our choir.

Then, all of us, come the following Monday evening, November 21, at which Bishop Rhinelander will be our chief guest; hear him and some of the other speakers, and partake of the refreshments which will close the program for that evening.

Then, all of us, come to our morning Thanksgiving service, at 10 30 o'clock, as part of our Anniversary program.

And, lastly, let us all turn out to the festival and entertainment to be provided by our young men of the Athletic Association, at which Bishop Garland and Mrs. Garland will be our guests, Friday evening, November 25th.

And this will close our Anniversary festivities, leaving us stronger

in the Spirit of God and more loyal to His Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following is a letter addressed "To the People of the Diocese of Pennsylvania," by Bishop Rhinelander:

"Friday, November 11th, brings the third Anniversary of the Armistice which concluded the Great War. It also brings the opening of the international conference in Washington on the Limitation of Armaments.

"The President of the United States has called on all the people to keep this memorable day with due regard to its unique significance.

"The memory of the Armistice recalls the valor, devotion and sacrifice which secured our Liberty and national integrity. The opening of the Conference in Washington marks the dawn of the best hope ever given to men of permanent peace between the races and nations of the world.

"The President reminded us that so great an end can be accomplished only by God's help and that our first duty as good citizens at this great crisis is to pray. I, therefore, following his suggestion, in grateful loyalty appoint Friday, November 11th, as a day to be marked by special services of prayer and intercession in all the Churches of the Diocese. And I would urge that every Church be kept open from sunrise to sunset to give the people opportunity to resort thither for private prayer; that in every Church there be a celebration of the Holy Communion at which memorial be made of those who gave their lives for their country and supplication be offered to God that He will guide the Conference in Washington according to His will; that in every Church provision be made for the two minutes of silent prayer and devotion at the noon hour which the President has specially requested.

"I am confident that the people of the Diocese will recognize it both as their obligation and their privilege to mark this day by acts of public and private devotion suitable alike to their responsibility as citizens and to their loyalty and faith as Christians."

Moved by respect for our President, and regard for the wishes of our Bishop, and by our own sense of loyalty and appreciation of our heroic dead in the Great War, I trust that our people will manage some way to turn out largely on Armistice Day, November 11th, to attend the service to be held in our Church on that morning at 11 o'clock, in conformity with Bishop's request printed above. We invite all service men to our Corporate Communion at that hour.

Other important dates which you should diligently reserve are as follows:

Sunday evening service, November 20th, when our Anniversary will open with a Cantata by the choir.

Monday evening, November 21st, Anniversary festival, when Bishop Rhinelander and other clergy will be present to take part.

Thursday morning, November 24th, Thanksgiving service, at 10.30

continuation of our Anniversary.

Friday evening, November 25th, the closing festival of our Anniversary, under the auspices of our Athletic Association, at which Bishop Garland and Mrs. Garland will be present. Jot down these dates on paper so that you do not forget any of them.

St. George's Mission has many friends; real friends, who have helped us materially in getting our splendid equipment in the work for the Kingdom of God. We would be happy if they would accept this our earnest invitation to our Anniversary festivities.

Our permanent joys do not come to us from the indulgence in material things, food and raiment, necessary as they are; but from feelings of the heart, such as fellowship, friendship, love, and deeds done for Christ's sake. They are spiritual things. Let us cultivate them to the utmost of our ability. They are good investments. They are profitable. And they last. Those who have brought themselves to this point of view know this to be true.

Bishop Rhinelander will visit this Church for Confirmation on New Year's day, Sunday, January 1st, 1922. The choice of this date is a happy one, and we ought to make it still more happy by presenting to the Bishop a large respectable class of men and women and boys and girls.

For the boys and girls, or what we call young people, we shall have regular meetings every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, led by the Pastor, to be instructed specially on the meaning of Confirmation and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. These meetings do not bar any other person wishing to attend them.

Older folks contemplating Confirmation will do well to attend faithfully our Church services on Sunday, when the Pastor will endeavor to make clear to all present the story of the Christian Church and the meaning of Church membership. He will be glad also to answer questions which may be put to him by any of the congregation either orally or in writing.

Parents are reminded not only of their own Baptismal vows, but also of their duty to their children as their sponsors; that they may be virtuously brought up to lead a godly and a Christian life.

When a child is brought to the Church to be made a member of it by Baptism, the child is usually accompanied by its parents, or friends, or both. Both parents and friends are called Sponsors. They are responsible for the child's education in the Christian religion and knowledge of the Church They take upon themselves this duty and obligation, else they would not have taken the trouble of bringing the child to Baptism.

It therefore behooves frequently for all those parents and Sponsors to ask themselves whether they have faithfully fufilled the promises which they solemnly made at the Baptismal Font in behalf of and for the good of the children in whom they are interested.

They promised to see that the child is taught to renounce wickedness, vanity, covetousness, and selfishness.

They promised to see that the child is taught to believe all the articles of the Christian faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed; and to keep God's holy will and commandments.

They also promised, as their final discharge of duty, to bring the child when reaching the age of discretion, to be confirmed by the Bishop, when the child publicly ratifies and confirms, and takes upon self, the things which the parents and Sponsors have promised for the child in Baptism. Confirmation is the occasion at which Godparents fulfil their pledges to the child solemnly made at Baptism.

In the beginning of the Christian Church when nearly all converts were naturally adults, baptism was followed, wherever possible, by the Laying on of Hands administered by Apostles, as is recorded in the New Testament After the Apostles the Bishops administered this rite of Laying on of Hands, which is our Confirmation. If there was good reason to observe the rite of Confirmation then, as the Apostles evidently thought there was, there must be the same reason now. And this is the reason why our Church holds on to this time honored custom of the Church. A Confirmation service is just as reasonable as a Marriage service, or a Burial service, of the privilege of which no Christian should be willing to be deprived.

At the semi-annual service, October 27th, of the Women's United Offering, 102 parishes of this Diocese presented a gift of $7239.83 to which the contribution of our women was $14.40 and that of the women of the Chapel (Venango) about $20.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, October 26-27, Conferences on Missions were held, conducted by the Rev. Thomas Hubert-Jones. Both meetings were well attended; but there were many who should have been present, and were not. They were very profitable gatherings, and Mr. Jones is master of his subject.

Company A, Junior Marines, continues its activities on Monday evening. We are very fortunate in having Mr. James Maxwell to help us in our drills. Boys who are interested in such activities will do well to report any Monday evening at 7.30; and parents will do well to encourage their boys to do so.

Everybody should be looking forward to our Annual Fair, Friday and Saturday, December 2-3. A Fair is a thing which requires much preparatory work and planning. We trust all and everybody will co-operate for the one end in view, namely, to raise some money for the Church to meet expenses.

As usual, our offering at the Thanksgiving Day service, November 24th, will go to Hospitals, especially to the Episcopal Hospital which receives no help from the state, and depends upon the support of our congregations.

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503, Oct. 13, David Maxwell

117,717 hospital days; 22,194 patients treated in dispensary, making 73,225 visits. The Church asks for help; but it gives more than it receives. If you doubt it, read the figures again. And this is only one of more than 20 institutions of our Church, giving relief and comfort to thousands of sufferers of all kinds, physical, moral and spiritual.

Flowers for the Altar in October were furnished as follows:

October 2—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arndt, in memory of Olive and Harry Arndt. October 16—Mrs. Charles Parker, in memory of William and Elsie. October 23—Mrs. Charles Parker, in memory of mother and sister. October 30—Miss Genevieve Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lang, in memory of sister.

Again we make our appeal to our young people to support the choir in full membership. The Church and congregation need your services. It is an honor to sing in the choir, and young people ought to seek that honor. The fact that most people do not seek that honor does not take away anything from it. The fact that many good people of all stations in life are proud to look back on their record of choir service shows that there is much virtue in it. We ought to have a good choir both morning and evening every Sunday. Talk this matter over with our Pastor; and do your best.

And what has become of the proposition in regard to a parish orchestra? Imagine a man holding out to you a luscious peach which makes your mouth water, and just when you reach out for it with a smile and thanks he withdraws it, and puts it back into his own pocket. Can you image the feeling of him who gets left in that fashion? Is this going to be the case with the orchestra proposition?

The Rev. Percy Dearmer, M.A., D.D., has this to say on selfishness:

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Most of our sins are due to selfishness. And the worst of selfishness is that it is unconscious. The more selfish we are, the less we know that we are selfish. Therefore, if I say to myself, "I am not at all selfish," the truth may very likely be that I am such a monster of selfishness that I don't know it.

So let us kneel down and try to knock off some of the mass of selfishness with which we are encrusted.

That the conference in Washington on Disarmament may be successful, our Bishop Rhinelander suggests to our people the following prayer:

O Lord, God Almighty, the Ruler of the universe; Guide, we pray thee, the conference of nations now assembling to consider measures of disarmament, and grant to them at this time special gifts of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength, that maintaining the right, following the truth, and seeking peace they may obey thy holy will and fulfill thy divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets every Thursday evening, at 7.45 sharp. The meeting is opened with prayer by the members; then the Pastor takes half an hour on the Bible. The boys have chosen the Book of Revelations as their subject this season. The business meeting follows the Bible lesson, and at the close of the meeting the boys spend some time in physical exercising. Young men of right mind and taste may apply for membership, and parents would do well to encourage them to do so.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

To My Friends of the Chapel Congregation, St. George's, Venango:

Our people of St. George's, Richmond, have through their Church Council arranged for the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of my Ministry in St. George's Mission, (see page one of this issue).

As I began my Ministry in this Mission in the Chapel, Venango, and have continued my relationship with it throughout the twenty years, I feel that the joy bestowed upon me by our people will not be, and cannot be, complete without your participation.

I do not invite you as guests, but I call upon you as fellow parishioners who have borne with me the hardships of pioneer work in the earlier days of my Ministry. I should love to see at our Anniversary celebration all those whom I have baptized, and their parents; all those whom I have married; all those whom I presented for Con-

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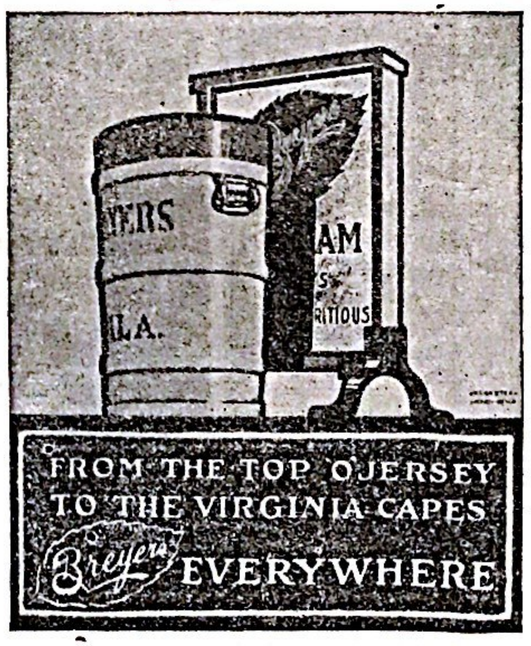
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I do not recall to my mind having ever failed to respond to your calls upon me. Now I am calling upon you. to be with me at my Anniversary. I trust you will be glad to come.

Faithfully yours,
A. J. ARKIN, Pastor.

Bishop Garland will visit our Chapel Sunday evening, January 8th, to administer the Rite of Confirmation. Mrs. Sladen will be glad to receive any additional names for the Confirmation Class as soon as possible.

The flowers on the Altar, October 2nd, were the gift of Mrs. Barnes, in loving memory of son and daughter, both faithful attendants of the Chapel, Mr. Charles Barnes having devoted much of his life for many years to work of the Chapel and the welfare of its people.

Miss Coulter, Treasurer of the Women's United Offering, reports returns thus far amounting to $18. Please send yours to Miss Coulter at your earliest convenience.

Wanted, one flat top desk for the vestry room, about 24 inches wide and 42 inches long with drawers on one side. This desk is very much needed. Any one in position and inclined to help us out with such a gift will kindly communicate with Mr. George E. Sladen, 1015 South 51st Street.

We have for disposal one Bishop's chair, one Lectern, two choir stalls, seats and book rests, and one seat for chancel. Those who need these things will communicate with Mr. Sladen also.

Mr. Noble, in response to our last appeal, asked that his name be added to the company of the few faithful who have banded themselves together for the purpose of keeping the Chapel clean and respectable for service. We need a few more in order that the work may be done properly, and the burden be made lighter for all concerned.

As usual our Hallowe'en party held this year, Friday evening, October 28th, was quite successful socially; and in addition to a good time our Treasurer received $19.20 so far.

Your attention is called again to the letter of the Rev. Mr. Arkin, printed above, and to the article, on page 2, in regard to the 20th Anniversary which all the people of St. George's Mission are to celebrate. The program of this celebration will be carried out in the Church and Parish House, India Ave. and Livingston St, on Monday evening, November 21st, when Bishop Rhinelander and the Dean of the Convocation, and other clergymen will be present. No doubt we shall be called upon to rise and show how many of the Chapel are present at the Anniversary and this will be a good opportunity for us to show the Bishop and leaders of the Diocese the strength of our Chapel congregation. It is therefore necessary that a large delegation of our Chapel people be present. Every one of the Chapel should spread the information about this Anniversary, and urge everybody connected with the Chapel to turn out on Monday evening, November the 21st.

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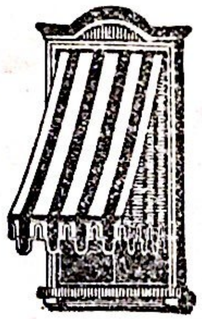
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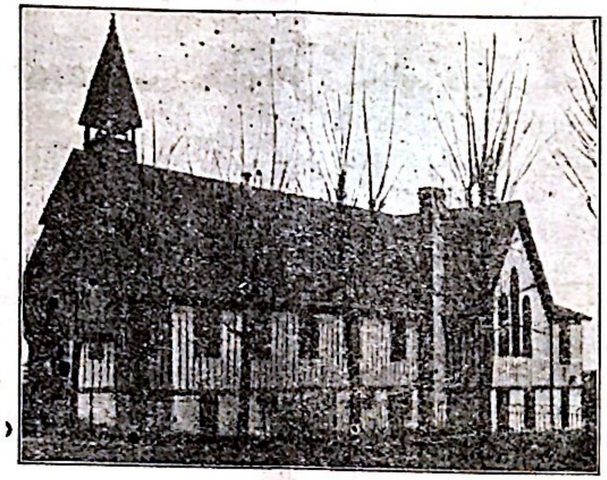
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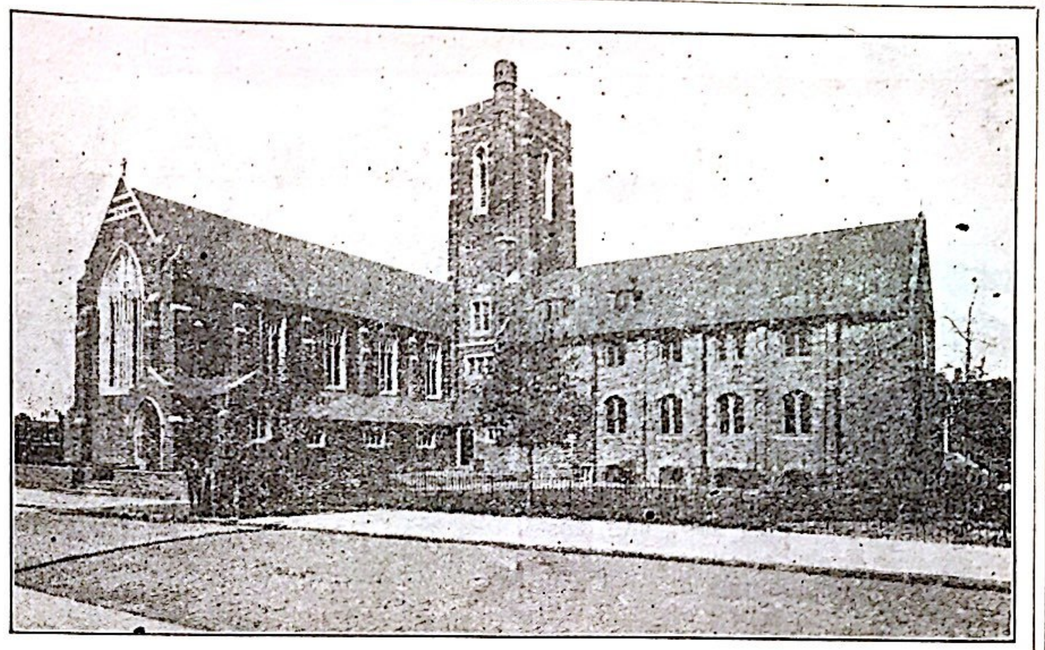
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GOOD WILL

The celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Pastor's Ministry by the people of St. George's Mission, beginning with Sunday evening, November 20th, and closing with Friday evening, November 25, was an outpouring of good will. It was an outpouring of good will such as never took place in St. George's before. "There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High." (Ps. 46:4.) It is the river of good will. And when it poured forth in streams from the hearts of the people, it swept before it and covered everything, and there was nothing to be seen and felt but delight and gladness. Such was our Anniversary. It was an outpouring of good will, springing from the hearts of the people clear and joyous.

An event of this kind in the life of a congregation is worthy of record. And therefore we shall put things as they took place, in order.

The program was formed entirely by our Church Council and officers of the Church; and all the preparations were made by them, the people gladly co-operating. The successful carrying out of the program without any omission was due to the efficient work of the Council, the best we ever had.

Sunday evening service, November 20th, was the beginning of the celebration. It was a choral service, and the choir rendered magnificently the cantata for the occasion, ably led by our organist and choirmaster, Mr. Butcher. The congregation was exceptionally large.

On the following Monday evening the Church was well filled with people. In the procession led splendidly by our fine choir were the Rev. J. M. Hayman, Rev. James O. McIlhenny, Rev. John B. Panfil, Rev. Henry Martyn Medary, Dean of the Convocation, the pastor of the Church, and Bishop Thomas J. Garland. The Bishop and visiting clergy took their places in the chancel.

After a Hymn and prayers Mr. Harry Pedersen, member of the Church Council, ably explained the object of the meeting, and introduced the speakers. Three members of the Council, Messrs. John W. McKinley, Henry Herbsleb, and Harry Kaufman, spoke briefly on the various phases of the work of our Church and its achievements during the last twenty years under the leadership of the Pastor.

Then followed the addresses of Dean Medary and that of the Bishop both of which were accentuated by high praise of the Pastor of the Church, and left a deep impression upon the congregation.

The meeting was closed by a few remarks of thanks and apreciation by the Pastor, and the Recessional.

This was followed by a reception given in the Parish House to Bishop Garland and Mrs. Garland and the Pastor. It was a most joyous occasion. Elsewhere in this issue is given the list of gifts which were bestowed upon the Pastor on the

several occasions of the celebration by friends and the various Church societies of St. George's.

On Thanksgiving Day our morning service was exceptionally well attended by the people. The offering exceeded $90.

And on the following evening, Friday, November 25th, took place the great social under the auspices of the Gymnasium and Athletic Association, as the closing event of the Anniversary celebration. It was engineered by Mr. Tasker, the leader of the Association, and ably suported by the other members. To the joy of this occasion the Chapel Kindergarten, under Miss Ott, contributed much at the opening of the festival. It was a unique festival in which men, women and children participated, and it was a memorable festival. We all wished we had more room; and we all went home happy.

One tenth has not been told, but limited space forbids. This happy celebration has stirred up rightly much enthusiasm and loyalty for the Church. Let us husband and conserve it. Let this Anniversary be an introduction to still more work and more joy in the Church.

ENDOWMENT FUND

One of the good and telling results which have taken place among us in consequence of the most happy celebration by our people of the twentieth Anniversary of our Pastor's Ministry in St. George's is the foundation of the Endowment Fund.

An endowment fund is a sum of money set apart the income of which is devoted to the support of the Church. It is a permanent provision made for the support of the Church, since the fund itself cannot be spent; but only the income of it may be drawn upon for the support of the Church.

When our Pastor's friends were informed of the celebration of the Anniversary, some of them sent him gifts in token of their regards and friendship for him; and our Pastor felt that these gifts were too precious to be spent on his own comfort, since they were sanctified by high sentiment of appreciation. So he insisted that these gifts amounting to $100, should be made the beginning of an endowment fund for the Church to which he devoted twenty years of his life. To this was added another gift of $10, making the Endowment Fund of this Mission $110. And this sum was placed in a Savings Bank Friday, November 25th.

We feel sure that this fund will grow by memorial and other gifts of our people and friends until the income of it will add substantially to the support of our dear Church. This will strengthen its permanency, and lighten the financial burden of those who may not be able to bear it.

This Endowment Fund, however, is not for the purpose of relieving our people from the responsibility of Church support; but it is to stimulate in them the virtue of giving; to make them feel the blessing and joy of giving that they may give more not only for the support of their own Church, but also for the support of those who work in the Mission fields at home and abroad.

Thus the Endowment Fund is a standing plea, to all who can give, to contribute to the permanent efficiency of the work done in Christ's name.

It is hard to name another place where an endowment fund may be more useful for the futherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ than this Mission.

A LIST OF GIFTS

I cannot find words through which I might attempt to express the noble feelings of appreciation, gratitude and love which have been stirred up within my heart by so many letters of congratulation and good wishes, some even containing substantial and visible tokens of esteem; and also by so many gifts bestowed upon me by St. George's people through the various societies and schools.

A beautiful stole, the gift of our Sunday School, was presented to me by the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Halftan Pedersen, at our Sunday School service in Church, Sunday afternoon, November 20th.

A charming bouquet of flowers by the Women's Guild.

A magnificent basket of fruit by the Candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society.

A fine suit case by the people of the Chapel, Venango.

And a handsome and valuable umbrella by our Polish Congregation. All these at the reception Monday evening.

An elegant and substantial vestment case by the Gymnasium and Athletic Association, on Friday evening.

These gifts are to me a thousand times more precious than their market value. They are made so to me by the thought and the spirit which prompted the givers. All I can say therefore is, thank you; I am grateful.

There is still another gift, more beautiful and more precious than all that I crave for, not for myself, but for the Church; and that is a large and substantial Confirmation Class which I may have the privilege to present to Bishop Rhinelander when he visits this Church Sunday morning, January 1st. Parents and sponsors, godfathers and godmothers, can co-operate with me in, fulfilment of their baptismal vows, to present their children as their gifts to God on Confirmation Day; and grown up persons, men and women, can present themselves a gift to God on the same day. Why not? For that is just what Confirmation means. One way to do this may be as good as another; why then not do this as has been done from the days of the Apostles? Read the Book the Acts of the Apostles: "Now when the Apostles who were in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8: 14.) This is our guide for Confirmation, or Laying on of Hands.

Again, St. Paul on his missionary journey came to Ephesus, "and he found certain disciples." On inquiry they told him that they were baptized by John the Baptist. But St. Paul would not recognize John's baptism. "And when they heard this they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them." (Acts 19: 1.) This shows that the Apostles practiced the rite of Confirmation. Then you turn to Chapter 6 in the Epistle to the Hebrews which shows that this rite, or custom, in the early Church was well established. It is spoken of along with repentance, faith, baptisms, resurrection and eternal judgment.

Confirmation does not change your faith in Christ; but it certainly does fortify it, else it would not have been practiced by the Apostles. Confirmation also gives you an opportunity to testify for Christ. And this is important. For as our Lord Himself says: "Everyone who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the angels of God."

Now, you see the reason why I crave for the gift of a large and substantial Confirmation Class to be presented to the Bishop Sunday morning, January 1st.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Every Wednesday at 7 P. M. the Pastor meets the young people who expect to be confirmed. Parents are urged to see that their boys and girls attend these meetings regularly. At these meeting the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments are discussed, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and to believe to his soul's health.

During Advent season and the Sundays preceding Confirmation Day which comes on Sunday morning, January 1st, our Pastor will speak on things relating to Confirmation, which are the things a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. Opportunity will also be given to the congregation, at the evening services, to ask questions which the Pastor will try to answer.

It is a big mistake to assume that while order and decency and harmony and beauty are required in everything else we do, that in our religious worship any old way will do. We are not so sure that a disordered mind, a lack of knowledge and intelligence, wild extemporaneous ranting, bad taste and informality runing riot in religious worship are manifestations of the work of the Holy Spirit; we are not so sure of it. We do not find such thing either in the Old Testament, or the New Testament, or the Universe about us. The story of Creation in the Book of Genesis shows plainly that the Spirit does not tolerate chaos; and that wherever the Spirit of God moves there is beauty of holiness. Who can doubt this, reading the Psalms, the written sermons of the Prophets, the Lord's Prayer, and other written prayers in the Bible and those of the saints?

Of course, the same human

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No.
1120, Nov. 6, Myrva Elsie Layer
1121, " 20, Thelma Doris Weldon
1122, " 27, Frances Helena Foster

MARRIAGES

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197, Nov. 5, { William H. Richter, Jr. / Florence Frances Saurer
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"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
504, Nov. 12, Clifford H. Wicker
505, " 16, Benjamin Orne

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
161, Nov. 27, Elwood Silcox
163, " 27, Lillian Wilhelmina Reinas

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29, Nov. 2, Annie Heckman

weakness which leads some people to overdone informality in religious worship, leads others also to overdone formality which is the other extreme, and which is usually known as mummery.

But surely we have a right to expect, from people of common sense and average intelligence, appreciation and reverence of a religious service characterized by decency and order, beauty of holiness, and language understood by the people.

ADVENT means coming. The four weeks of Advent season observed in the Church are a season of preparation in expectation of Christmas. Thus we begin our Church year with the message of the Messianic Prophets culminating in John the Baptist whom our Lord characterizes as "much more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare the way before thee."

Year by year the message also of St. Paul in clear clarion tone rings out stronger than ever: "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand!" This is the saving power of our religion. The people hearing that call bow their knees in reverence and lifting up their hearts to God pray in the words of the Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

"Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the

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quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*"

We shall observe Christmas Day as becomes Christian people. We shall have Holy Communion at 8 and 10.30 in the morning, so that all who wish may begin Christmas Day in a Christian way. In fact there is no other way, for this Feast Day is in memory of the birth of Christ our Saviour.

Your attention is called to a book in the Public Library, entitled Church Work, by Bernard Reynolds, M. A., which you ought to read. There are other books which were recently placed on the shelves of the Library for the benefit of those who wish to know more of Church history. Ask the librarian who will show them to you.

Our Church is a voluntary institution. It therefore depends upon its support on voluntary contrbutions. We do not want anything from people who have no taste for it, who cannot appreciate it; but from those who believe in it, and who are in sympathy with its works, we naturally expect their liberal support. Our weekly church envelope system of Church contributions is suitable to all sorts and conditions of men, women and children. When it is carried out, and looked after, rightly, it is a great help both to the giver and to the Church. Get a set of envelopes from the Treasurer, and try it.

There is a movement on foot to mobilize all our young people, of both sexes, for the formation of a society for social and other purposes under able leadership; each existing society to maintain its integrity for its specific objects, at the same time forming a general assembly of young people for the welfare of all. Such an assembly will naturally be made up of like minded people who are in sympathy with the institution which gives them shelter and the use of its property.

We are in hearty accord with such a movement, and we pray God to hasten the day.

A co-operative Clothing Shop has been established under an able committee of the Churchwomen of the Diocese. Our women will doubtless profit by writing for further information to Miss E. A. Deane, 616 South Broad Street. As we understand it, it is to be a perpetual bargain counter on a great scale. Write Miss Deane for more information.

The children who come to our Sunday Schol are taught the Christian religion. They are taught the life of Christ, and the object of His coming upon earth. They are taught the Bible and how to read it. They are taught to pray; and they are being prepared for a place in the Christian Church. They are taught the meaning of Holy Communion and the need and duty of every Christian to observe this Sacrament. They are shown the helpfulness and necessity of divine worship. All these are the things which parents send their children to be taught in Sunday School. But the teachers and Superinten-

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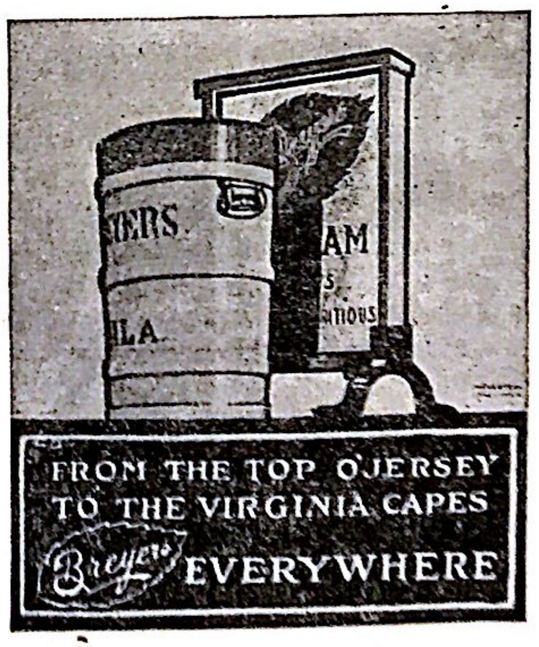
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dent, in doing their duty faithfully, which is expected of them, are too often forced into the very undesirable position of unconsciously placing the parents in opposition to their children. And whose fault is it? For instance, the child is taught: it is right to come to Church to hear the Word of God read and explained, and it is wrong to stay away. This puts the parents on the wrong side. Yet if the teacher did not teach this he would fall short in his duty both to child and parents alike.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

We are glad to report renewed activity in all departments since the Rev. E. W. Huckel has come to us to help. Several organizations of boys, of men, and girls have come to life again. The Church attendance has improved, and more come to the Sunday School. We hope for a good substantial Confirmation Class.

Thanksgiving service was well attended, and the collection was $13.32, devoted to the Episcopal Hospital

There is prospect for holding morning service as well as evening service if the Rev. Mr. Huckel continues to give his time to the Chapel; but this will depend entirely on the co-operation of the people. If the people desire a permanent clergyman, they will have to express their desire in action.

There is no reason why our Chapel people should not have morning service as well as evening service; and why they should not have Holy Communion once a month at 10:30 as well as at 8 A. M. The Rev. Mr. Huckel will certainly be glad to do his part if the people do their duty.

The spirit of loyalty and zeal of the few faithful should be spread out more generally among the rest of the congregation.

Advent season is a call to duty. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." The opportunity for our Chapel people to make our Church what it ought to be in Venango is at hand. Let everybody do his part. It is the only way to secure the services of the Rev. Mr. Huckel if the people wish him to work with them.

The Rev. Mr. Arkin wishes to thank heartily the Chapel people for the fine and useful gift presented to him at the Anniversary celebration in their name by Mr. Sladen, our most faithful leader. It has gladdened his heart both to see so many of the Chapel people at the festival, and to receive the gift. But his heart would be still more gladdened to see, as a reward of his labors, the growth and prosperity of the Church in Venango. He was delighted to see the part the Kindergarten took in the Anniversary, as were many others.

There will be celebration of the Holy Communion the Second Sunday, Dec. 11th, at 10 45 instead of 8 A. M. The Rev. Mr. Huckel will officiate.

Girls seeking membership in the Girls' Club of the Chapel will inquire of Mr. Dr. Geo. E. Shaffer, their president. The Club meets on Friday evening.

Keep in mind the date of Confirmation. The Bishop will visit the Chapel Sunday evening, Jan. 8th. Let us all work for a goodly class to be presented to the Bishop.

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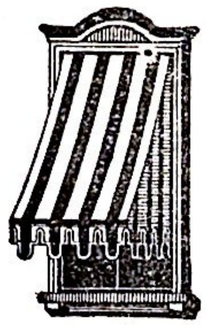
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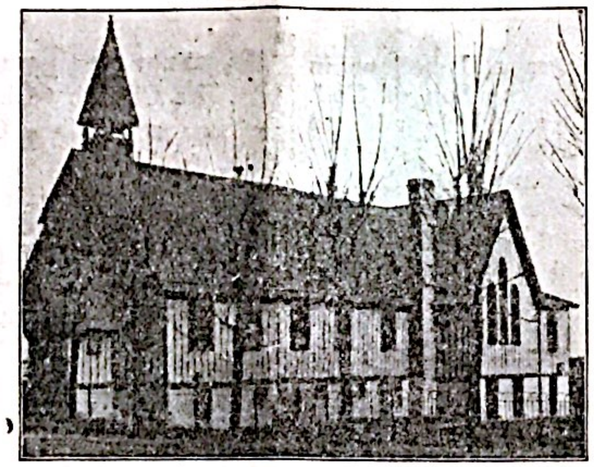
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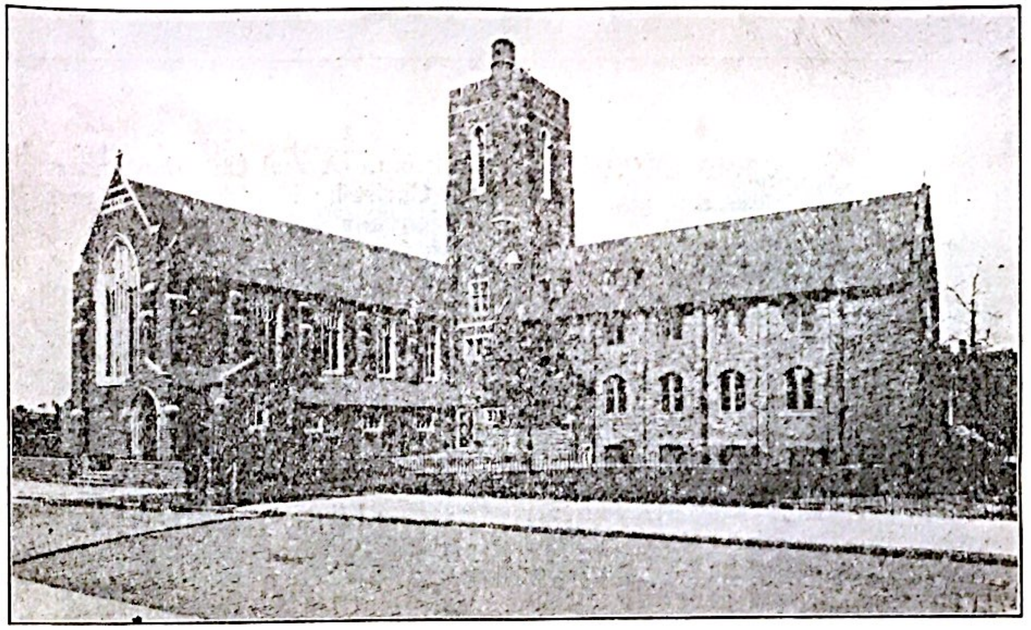
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THE RESURRECTION

Have you ever thought of death? Perhaps you have seen some one dying. Doubtless you have gazed at a dead person, or the lifeless body of a child. But have you ever thought of death? How dreadful is the thought of it; how horrible! He who has had a narrow escape from death has gotten only a glimpse of it; and did you ever see the frightened face of him who has had this narrow escape? If you have, you have only seen the reflection, the shadow of his fright. It takes a long time for some people to get over their scare, and some never get over it. It is dreadful. The "dead grip" of a drowning person is but a faint expression of death's agony, and the shriek of its horror which freezes our blood is but a far away echo of the real thing.

What will not a man give, when death comes, for a few more moments of life!

Have you ever thought of death? What is the secret of its horror? Is it not annihilation that we dread? The thought of becoming nothing is the bitterest thought of our soul. "For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life." The dread of death among men is not so much physical as it is spiritual. For we know that death has no terror for a real Christian. A real Christian knows that Christ by His bitter death and passion has sweetened the cup of death for him, taking away its bitterness and sting, and making it the entrance into life and glory.

Easter brings this message to all Christian people. In Easter season we especially celebrate the event of the Resurrection through which the Lord Jesus, our Saviour, still speaks to every one of his disciples: "Because I live, you shall live also."

In the light of this truth, how should we, the people of St. George's Church, observe Easter Day? There is only one way, and that is the right way.

At 8 o'clock in the morning we shall have a celebration of the Holy Communion for those who prefer the earlier service.

At 10.30 we shall have the morning service followed by Holy Communion.

At 2 P. M. we shall have our Sunday School festival at which the Sunday School Lenten Offerings for Missions will be presented by the children and the senior classes.

At 7.30 in the evening we shall have a musical service. On this occasion we shall be glad also to welcome the Odd Fellows' Lodge members and their friends and join them in their happy celebration of the seventy-fifth Anniversary of their Lodge; and our people are given the opportunity of showing to this Lodge the utmost courtesy of hospitality and good fellowship. Let Friendship, Love and Truth abound on this occasion and thereafter.

Let us also take to heart the following sentences from the Bible:

"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." I Cor. 5:7.

"Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over Him. For in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:9.

"Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection from the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive." I Cor. 15:20.

Have you ever thought of death? If you did, the Easter message will be the greatest joy to you; and the Church through which it is proclaimed will take its proper place in your heart.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The week before Easter Day is properly called Holy Week, because it is crowded with the commemorations of events in the last days of our Lord's earthly career rapidly moving towards its consummation in The Resurrection.

Take time and read the Gospels; Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19:29 and John 12: to the end of the books.

Be diligent also to come to our services Wednesday evening, Thursday evening, Good Friday, both morning and evening, and Easter Day.

Keep in mind that all these observances are purely Christian. They relate personally to our Lord Jesus Christ; and should be properly interpreted to the world by us Christians, lest the name of Jesus Christ be mocked by the ignorant and the sinful.

At a very interesting meeting of the Fathers held Thursday evening, March 23rd, presided over by Major Biddle, it was unanimously decided, after some discussion, that the members renew their allegiance to the principles of the Fathers' Meeting, that the Thursday evening meetings be continued, and opened at 8 o'clock, that forty-five minutes be given to the study of the Bible, and that the business meeting follow the Bible lesson at 8.45.

The election of officers and appointment of committees to take place on Thursday evening, April 6, immediately after the Bible lesson, at 8.45 P. M.

The meeting was marked by enthusiasm and determination to make our Fathers' Meeting a force for good in the community.

We were glad to welcome our president, Major Biddle, and Mr. George H. Randall, of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew headquarters, who accompanied him, and who also addressed the Fathers.

At our Lenten evening service, Wednesday, March 22, the preacher of the evening was the Rev. John B. Panfil, in charge of the Polish Congregation of the Redeemer, housed in St. George's

Church. He spoke on his former work as a missionary in Arabia to a large congregation, and to the edification of all present.

We take this opportunity to commend to the attention of our people the exemplary fine character of this congregation and the high qualities of its Pastor; hoping that some day they may enjoy the use of a Church of their own. The more we know them the more we like them.

On Easter Day the members of our Sunday School will present their Lenten Offering for Missions. Missions means the work of the Church for Christ in the world, the spread of the Christian religion everywhere. It means to help the other fellow.

When the Rev. Thomas Hubert-Jones was here on a Mission a few weeks ago, he challenged our Sunday School that his Sunday School in Wissinoming, though one-half as big in numbers as ours, would give more through their Lenten boxes than St. George's Sunday School. Our children and teachers accepted the challenge. And now it is up to us to win. We trust that our Sunday School will win; but we shall have to be very liberal to do so.

At a recent meeting of our Council ways and means were discussed to make St. George's an independent parish; and we were all astonished how much good can be done with a few dollars when all co-operate and each is doing his share; and when the business of the parish is carried on in a business like way which is the right way. For instance, we discovered that if 300 families, not individuals but families, gave to the Church one dollar a week we would have an income of $15,000 a year. We could then meet swimmingly and comfortably all the expenses of the Church and have $7,000 left for various improvements and free social entertainments for all our people at frequent intervals. We could have an assistant Minister to help in the parochial work and the visiting of our people. We could lay aside $500 a year to help the sick and needy in our neighborhood. We could do away with all special envelope collections. We could charter a boat for our annual picnic and give free tickets to all our people. We could in a brief period of time place a chime of bells in the tower of our Church as a monument to our loyalty and love for our Church. We could also help and encourage some of our children and young people to pursue their chosen line of education which they have to abandon for lack of means. There is hardly any good work we could not do if 300 families contributed each one dollar a week. We have 365 families who claim St. George's as their Church in one way or another. But if only 300 of them would do their duty, to do all those thing just enumerated would be as easy as rolling off a log. There is hardly one family of the 300 that could not, by a little economy on pleasure if need be, lay aside one dollar a week for the Church. Our opportunity is at hand. The achievements are great, the benefits many, and the sacrifice small. Will our people rise to the occasion?

Every second Sunday in the month our Pastor is called upon to administer Holy Communion to the people in St. George's Mission Chapel (Venango), which the Bishop placed under his supervision; being assisted by a Lay-Reader in immediate charge. This usually necessitates the Pastor's absence from our own congregation the second Sunday morning of the month. It is then up to him to call on his clergymen friends to volunteer to take his place at that morning service. For the last three months the following clergymen officiated at these morning services: Rev. W. Winthrop Smith, Rev. Dr. Royden Keith Yerkes, and Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, Jr., to whom we are grateful for their kindness.

The last preacher, the Rev. Dr. Bonsall, is remembered by his pointed illustration of the flying-fish, to which he compared the Christian who attends Church service "occasionally," or "sometime." The flying-fish occasionally leaves the dark waters of the sea and takes a fly into the sun-lit air, but soon drops back into the deep. Some people are like the flying-fish. They drop back.

We are compiling for publication of a St. George's Church Directory in the form of an attractive booklet for distribution and information among our people. It will give, alphabetically arranged, the names of all our Communicants, and others who are in some way affiliated with this Church. It will also give information about all our working societies, and the list of choir members, etc.

We are anxious not to leave out anything of importance, or anybody; and we ask therefore the co-operation of all of our people in the preparation of this Directory.

There may be some Episcopalians, or Church of England people, whose names we have not on our Church register; or some who make this Church their home Church, but have not yet given their names to the Pastor, or secured transfer from their former Church to this. For such information we should be very grateful, as it would help to make St. George's Church Directory complete.

At the admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society the following were admitted formally to membership: Carolyn Annesley, Florence Mabel Clews, Marion Taylor Gannon, Elsie Julia Goudge, Leonora Homer Cransback, Margaret Chambers Kirland, Florence Margaret Kirchner, Frances Elizabeth Maxwell, Helen Elizabeth Nusslein, Mary Anna Shore, Rhoda Tasker, Alma Mary Wark, Pearl Ruth Weber.

The following, having been members of the Society for five years, were advanced to senior membership: Marion Clews, Margaret Davidson, Annabelle Kirland, and Ann Vautier.

Sarah Elizabeth Peterson was admitted as a working associate.

Too much praise cannot be given to the girls and the young women devoted to the objects of this noblest of societies; and St. George's Church is justly proud of them all.

The only organization of young men which approaches the level of the Girls' Friendly Society is the

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BAPTISMS

No.
1145, Mar. 16, Douglas Haig Carruthers
1146, " 27, William Turner Cooper

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
511, Mar. 1, Leah Gallant
512. " 2, Sophie Saybolt
513, " 7, John William Rantal
514. " 8, Robert Morris Pitts
515, " 10, Willard Joseph Hewitt
516, " 10, Lavinia Schultz
517, " 18. Ella May Henry

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
167, Feb. 19, Helen Louisa Schoell
168, Mar. 19, Carlette Sadie Seemueller
169, " 19. Violet Cruici
170, " 19, Viola Sylvester

Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and it is with keen regret that we have to record, that our Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is at this writing in suspense, and no meetings are held. The opportunity is here, and we trust the Chapter may be revived. Too much of precious manhood is being wasted; and we all should take anxious thought about it.

The following is the content of a letter we recently received from a parishioner. It is so good that we cannot help share the pleasure of reading it with the rest of our people:

"Even though the treasurer's records may show that I owe less, I am sure I owe more, and the enclosed payments will bring me up to date. I guided myself entirely by the envelopes I have had on hand. Beginning with the coming quarter I wish to double my pledge."

The pledge was already quite respectable, and this request made it doubly respectable coming as it did from a cheerful giver.

It is the kind of letters we should like to get at least twice a week, for they tend to make everybody happy.

The members of the Young People's Assembly are having fine times at their meetings, every Wednesday evening, judging by the topics which are being discussed. In the past month the following subjects were discussed: "The Value of Discipline," led by Mr. Tasker. A graphic description of a visit to the disabled soldiers of the World War in Fort McHenry, by Mrs Erickson. Recital of poem by Harry Mehaffey. "Foreign and Domestic Missions," led by Robert Dames. "Why We Go to Church, and the Benefits Derived Therefrom," led by Haftan Pendersen. "The Effect of Present Day Style of Dress on Moral Progress."

April 5, Spontaneous remarks on sundry subjects. April 12, Debate: "Shall Women Serve on Parish Vestries?" Leaders, Annabelle

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April 19, Social Entertainment of Y. P. A.

April 26, "The Problem of Housing," an illustrated address by Bernard J. Neuman, Managing Director of the Philadelphia Housing Association, under the auspices of the Young People's Assembly. The public is invited.

May 3, Debate: either on Capital Punishment, or the Eighteenth Amendment, to be decided later.

May 10, Organ Recital, by Roy Schow, in Church, under the auspices of the Young People's Assembly. Admission, 25c.

May 17, Speaker, Miss Olive Brown, formerly Government nurse, American Expedition in France.

The following for the benefit of mothers and babies:

1. Handle the baby only when it is necessary. Let him lie or play by himself. He learns in this way to be independent, and not to crave excitement and the constant attention of others.

2. The baby is experimenting all the time. Let him learn by his own experience that some things hurt (being careful that he is not seriously hurt). He learns much better in this way than by constantly being told "Don't."

3. Teach the baby to be brave and not cry when he is hurt. Teach him to make a joke of the accident —"up again and take another." Do not make him a cry-baby.

4. Let the baby learn to walk and to talk by his own initiative. He learns more self-mastery.

Flowers placed on the Altar: March 5, by Altar Guild; March 19, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Lang, in memory of their parents. March 26, in memory of Margaret Wittemberger by her sisters.

The Girls' Friendly Society will give an entertainment and comedy Friday evening, April 21. Admission by ticket. Reserve this date.

CHAPEL (Venango) NEWS

It is very pleasant to put on record that the Church Services at the Chapel and the attendance at Sunday School have improved very much. The average attendance at the Wednesday evening Lenten Services is fifty. Of course, there is always room for improvement. This will come as fast as our people recognize the goodness of Christian fellowship, and give the Chapel the place which it should occupy in their lives. Let us for our own sakes, for the sake of our children whom we love, for the sake of our homes, work together to make the Chapel attractive to all Christian people. Let our men throw themselves wholeheartedly into the work of the Chapel. Let our women do their part. The children will follow. And let us all do something great and big for the glory of God who will love us the more for it. And so shall we all be blessed in the sight of God and men.

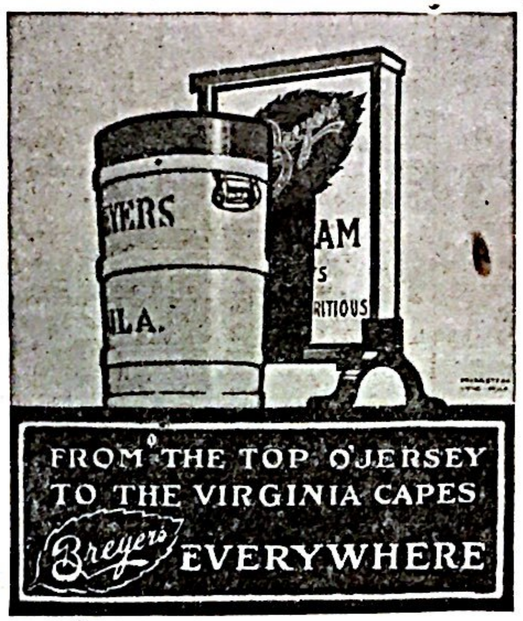
We all look forward to Easter Day. We should all join together to make it a joyful day for all, because Christ rose from the dead on that day, so that all who die in His

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faith live with Him. All our people should come to Holy Communion on that Day which will be administered at the 10.30 service.

The Sunday School Easter festival will be held at 2.30 P. M., and we trust the children's offering for Missions will be better than ever before.

The Day should be closed with a well attended evening service, and a good Easter Offering for the support of the Chapel.

The newly formed Young People's Society meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the social room of the Chapel. The members are now rehearsing a play called "Examination Day at the Woodhill School," which will be rendered by them soon after Easter. The officers of this Society are Mr. Harry J. Wyatt, president, and Miss Elna Gustafson, secretary and treasurer.

The Boys' Club meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Elwood Korn, president; Albert Hahlaw, secretary and treasurer.

It will help the Parish Treasurer, Miss Katherine C. Coulter, if the women of the Auxiliary holding Blue Boxes for the United Offering make returns as soon as possible. They may be brought to the meeting the women will hold in this month.

Mrs. B. Karcher, 3580 Richmond Street, is taking orders for penny Easter Eggs. Put in your orders early.

We are very grateful to the Quaker City Iron Works people for the repairs to our Church bell, which they rendered freely.

On Friday evening, April 21, there will be held another Quarterly Social Meeting of all the Chapel people. To this meeting all who are interested in the welfare of the Chapel are urged to come. We expect to have with us the Rev. Mr. Arkin and one or more guests. This evening will largely be given to social entertainment and fellowship. There will, of course, be some refreshments also.

Every confirmed person ought as a matter of duty take out a set of Church envelopes by means of which he or she may make the customary weekly offering, preferably on the Lord's Day, to God for the support of the Chapel. Those who are not confirmed, but appreciate the work of the Chapel for our children and the good of the neighborhood should consider it a privilege to provide themselves with such envelopes. Mr. B. Karcher, treasurer of the Chapel, 3580 Richmond Street, will be glad to give them to any one who asks for them.

Now and then you hear some Christian boast of his belonging to a Church that is not **creed-bound**, as if a creedless Church is any recommendation, or as if there were such a Church. The word "creed" means belief. The difference is only in the size of the creed, long or short. It is impossible to imagine a Christian who does not believe in something contained in the Apostles' Creed. If he says, I believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. This is his Creed. If he adds to that, and I believe God to be the Creator of the universe, he makes his creed a little longer. And if he adds also, and I believe in the Holy Ghost, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and life eternal, his creed becomes longer, and if he has no such belief, or Creed, he is no Christian. These gentlemen who fling out such remarks as "I am not creed-bound" ought to explain themselves, or else it sounds pure meaningless flippancy. The Apostles' Creed is nothing more nor less than the summary of the faith of the Gospels. Any one rejecting this Creed, rejects the statements in the New Testament. The average man finds it much easier to accept the Apostles' Creed than to disprove the truthfulness of the New Testament.

We cannot see any merit in boasting of a Church without a Creed, because a creedless Church is no Church at all. For where there is faith, there is a Creed.

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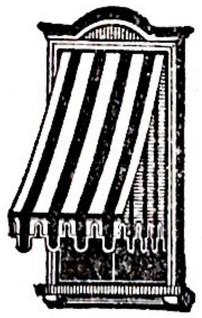
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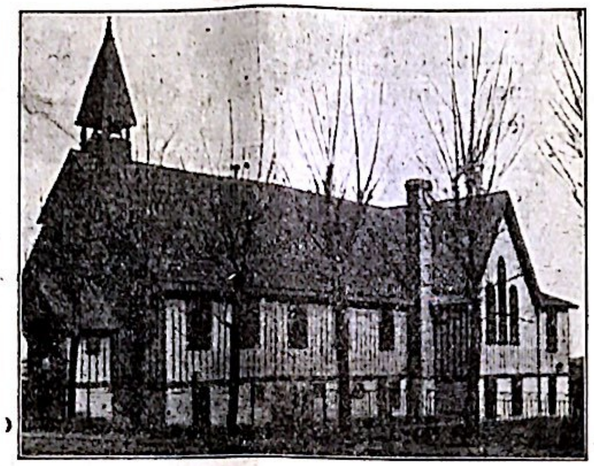
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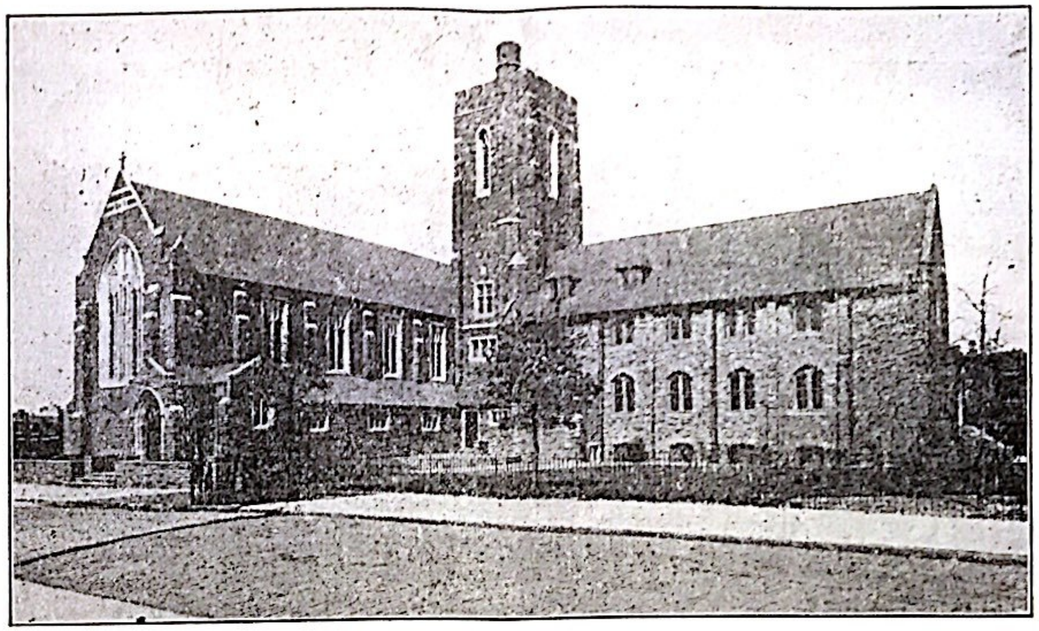
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CHRIST AND UNION

Does Christ believe in Union? Certainly He does. We know of no one in the whole history of mankind who is a stronger Union man than our Lord Jesus. All men and women believe in Union should go to Him for instruction and guidance. There is no chief or president of any Union who cannot learn much on Unionism at the feet of our Lord Jesus.

True, there is nothing in the New Testament records to show that Christ favors Unions. Indeed, there are strong indications that He is against them, as when He denounced the Scribes and the Pharisees. But certainly, He made it plain that He was for UNION heart and soul; not for UNIONS, but for UNION. Read the 17th Chapter of St. John in which is recorded our Lord's great prayer for UNION: "Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are. . . Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may all be one, even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us. . . And the glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as we are one."

Is there any doubt about our Lord's position on UNION? Do you know anything stronger in favor of UNION?

Again on another occasion He says: "I am the good shepherd the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatches them, and scattereth them: he fleeth because he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd . . . and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd."

Do you know of any stronger expression in favor of UNION than these words of Christ? In all the history of Unionism can you find a stronger advocate of UNION? Union of all people in everything without qualification. Keep in mind also that Christ stands for UNION not only in words, but in deed. He gave His life for it. Where do you find a greater UNION leader than Christ?

Yet, how strange! People still insist on UNIONS; and they reject UNION, not only in industry, but even in religion also.

There are UNIONS in the Christian Church, but no UNION. And there is no love between these Unions. And where there is no love, there is no UNION. These UNIONS live on pride, presumption and prejudice. What God unites, these Unions are trying to keep divided. Hate and not love is their gospel, and each hates the other according to the proportion of its pride, presumption and prejudice.

The behavior of one neighbor towards another will pretty near tell you what sort of a gospel is taught in the Union to which he belongs; and the more ignorant he is the plainer he will tell it.

Broken Church windows; broken family ties over a question of a child's baptism, and broken friendships and peace among neighbors, and other breakings up and separations, are all of the same cloth, and come from the same source, and are the effect of the same cause. This cause is the Claim to monopoly on religion. The teachers of such a claim will have much to answer for to the Father of all; inasmuch as such teaching tends to hate instead if union for which our Lord laid down His life, "that they may all be one."

What we need is UNION not UNIONS. To unionize the UNIONS ought to be the task of everybody, at least of everybody who calls himself Christian. Pride, presumption and prejudice will not do it, but love for Christ's sake will.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It is exceedingly pleasant to turn away from things of pride, presumption and prejudice to things of love, loyalty and goodwill as expressed in the following report:

Easter offerings are of interest to everybody, especially to those who give. So far the receipts are as follows:

From the congregation by special envelope, $170, (about $60 less than last year.) From Women's Guild, $125; The Boys' Gymnasium, $15; Girls' Friendly society, $10; Candidates G. F. S., $20; Boy Scouts, $10; Sunday School Primary Department, $20; Main Department, Class No. 11, $10; Class No. 14, $15; Class No. 8, 16.25. Total for Church support, $411.25.

Lenten Offering for Missions from Sunday School: Beginners, $60.16; Primary, $74.47; Main, $91.60. Total for Missions, $216.23 (about $70 more than last year).

The real test of our people's loyalty to the Church will be shown not so much in special offerings, but in the regular contributions made weekly as now planned by our Council. Judging from the ready response of the people to the dollar a week per family plan, we ought to be able to place our Church on a self supporting basis. Self support is a mark of dignity which all should strive to attain.

It has been our custom for may years to publish the list of all Sunday School members whose Lenten boxes contained forty cents and more. We know that good will and self-denial is the true measure of love. It is God's measure. There is no doubt that in exceptional cases some children gave less than forty cents at greater self-denial than those who gave more. If so, their names will be written on the Roll of Honor by God Himself.

Yet we cannot but be guided by the general rule and in human fashion, that is, by what is marked on the Lenten box by those who counted the money.

The contributions vary from $7.03 to three cents; and the following names are given in order of distinction of all those who gave forty cents and more.

Errors and omissions are always liable to creep in; and we shall be

glad to correct any mistake.

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This is the best report and the finest list we have had in all the past twenty years. And it is wonderful how easily it is done when everybody likes to do it. Are we not all happy over it?

There is not anywhere a finer and better quality of Sunday School children than that of St. George's Sunday School. What we need is a gathering of the fathers of these children into our Fathers' Meeting. As the father of the home stands sponsor for the welfare of the family, so ought the organized body of fathers stand sponsor for the larger family, the Church and Sunday School. We ought to have rousing Fathers' Meeting every Thursday evening in the year for our common welfare.

Our Easter Services were attended better than ever before. The choir has rendered real service all throughout Lent, and especially on Easter Day. One of the joyous features of Easter Day was the evening program of service in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of Richmond Lodge 240, of Independent Order of Odd fellows. We were glad to have them with us.

We were equally delighted to turn over the Parish House to the Oddfellows on Friday evening, April 21, to celebrate their 75th Anniversary on which occasion our Pastor was very cordially presented with the gift of a gold fountain pen. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and will be long remembered.

The Day on which our Lord ascended into heaven is celebrated throughout the Church on Thursday, May 25th. The people are urged to attend our evening service, at 8 o'clock, on that day, called Ascension Day.

At our solicitation the Free Library of Philadelphia has placed the following books on Church History on the shelves of our Branch Library for the benefit of all who are desirous of knowing facts. We urge our people to take advantage of this privilege, and call for the following books:

Hodges' Early History; Dearmer's Every Man's History of the English Church; Hodge's Three Hundred Years of the Episcopal Church; Balzani's The Popes and the Hohenstaufens; Poole's Wycliffe; Wakeman's Church and the Puritans; Stephen's Hildebrand; and Overton's The Evangelical Revival in the Eighteenth Century.

You will understand and appreciate the Church better when you know something of its past. And there is nothing like history to keep you informed.

Our Friday Evening Bible Class meetings offer an opportunity to all who wish to read the Bible understandingly, or to learn its true value to civilization. The Class meets at 8 o'clock sharp. Visitors are welcome.

The presentation of the Lenten Offering of the Sunday Schools of this Diocese will take place in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Sunday, May 14th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Our teachers and officers should see to it that our Sunday School have a goodly representation of each Department of the Sunday School.

The semi-annual service at which the United Thank-Offering of the

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BAPTISMS

No.
1147, April 2, Vito Melfe
1148, " 2, Ruth Lillian Soderstrom
1149, " 2, Thelma Anna Friel
1150, " 9, Grace Kathryn Kober
1151, " 16, Grace Elaine Seitter
1152, " 16, Robert Potter

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
518, April 15, Joseph Marshall
519. " 23, Fannie Nixon Bailey

CHAPEL

BAPTISMS

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
171, April 16, Elizabeth White
172, " 16. Anna May Vanderslice

Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese was presented, was held in the Pro-Cathedral, Broad & South streets, Thursday April 27th. The total offering presented was $12,190.58, to which our women contributed $15.47.

Twenty-two members of our Branch were present at the annual service of the Girls' Friendly Society held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th & Walnut streets, Thursday evening, April 27th. The Rev. Dr. Royden Keith Yerkes preached the sermon.

On the following evening our G. F. S. girls gave our people a charming entertainment. It was most delightful.

At the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday evening after Easter, April 18, all the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. James S. Dames who was added to the staff as Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Halftan Pedersen, Treasurer, read the report of receipts and expenditures for 1921, showing total disbursements of $5955.90 for that year.

There is much room for improvement and extension in the work of our Church here, and we ought to be self-supporting. We can be self-supporting and we can continue to grow in usefulness if our people adopt the proposition of our Church Council of a dollar-per-week-per-family. If each family of our congregation, of all the people claiming allegiance to St. George's, would strive to raise one dollar a week for the Church; if each member of the family would co-operate in making up the dollar a week for the Church, then we should not only be self-supporting, but we should make such improvements also as would benefit in some way, or another every one of the community. Let our slogan be One-Dollar-per-week-per Family. When you once catch the meaning of it, it will be as easy as rolling off a log.

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years, but in experience, being moved by what he happened to read in *The Visitor,* writes from a distance that after years of earnest thought about himself and others, he has come to the conclusion that the people's attitude towards Church support and their appreciation of the value of the Church is determined by the desire, or lack of desire, to know God If a man knows God, he will know Him as the Father who gives him all the good things that he has. And in his gratitude to God for these things he will place a high value on the Church for which our Lord Jesus gave His life. He will place the Church on the list of things necessary to his life and well-being, like food and raiment, say nothing of comfort and luxury. He thinks that ten cents a week to the Church is far out of proportion to the amount men spend on themselves even in trifles. To stint the Church of God, he says, is false economy; it is no economy at all. He says that true economy is to give to the Church according to ability. He says that true happiness and plenty began to come to him when he began to know God and rightly appreciate His Church. He says this is his experience, and he is convinced that it is the experience of any other man.

Pleasure and happiness are two different things. There is a saying that a man usually gets what he is after. The man who seeks God will find Him; and when he finds God he finds happiness. A man who seeks pleasure will find it, but he will not be happy. For as a rule men of pleasure are not happy. The man of God is happy, because happiness comes from trying to make other people happy. This is the nature of man when God dwells in His heart.

Concerning babies, the following is a wholesome advice to young mothers:

1. Such commands as you give the baby, give simply, clearly, definitely. If you don't, the baby may not understand, and so may disobey without meaning to.

2. Give only such commands as you can enforce, and then enforce them. If you don't, the baby learns to disobey.

3. Avoid frequent "don'ts" and nagging. The baby learns to disregard them, or disobey deliberately.

The Altar flowers for April were as follows:

April 1, Mrs. Abrahamson in memory of her daugher, Elizabeth. April 8, Mrs. Lauer in memory of her husband. April 12, Altar Guild. April 15, Josephine Rohrbach in memory of her mother. Mrs. Olaff Peterson in memory of her father. April 22, Mrs. Kirland.

An Organ Recital will be given in the Church Wednesday evening May 10th, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Young People's assembly. Roy Schow, Organist; Mrs. Randi Erickson, Soprano; Harkon Christian, Tenor.

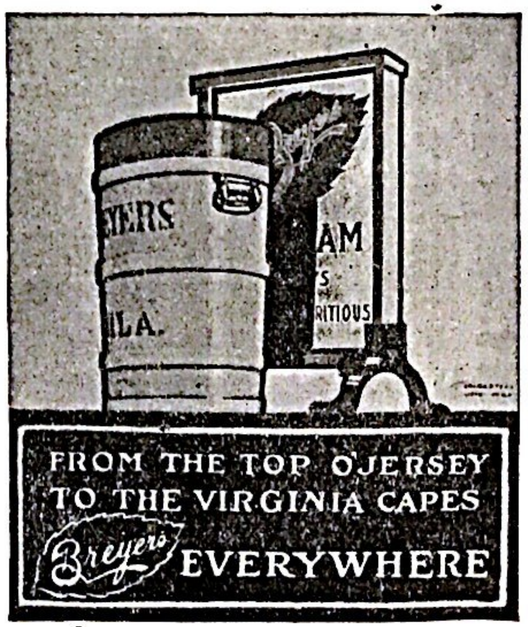
In the debate of April 12, on the question "Shall women serve on Parish Vestries?" the affirmative won. Harvey McCourt, Esq., Mrs. Batchelor and the Pastor were the

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The worst that can be said against the Christian religion is the un-Christian attitude and the un-Christian spirit of Christians toward one another.

The most remarkable thing is that those who make the loudest pretensions to infallibility, claiming a monopoly on the true Church of Christ, show least of the Christ-like spirit among their neighbors. There are Christian neighbors in which the people professing Christ to be the Savior of the World, and holding to the Apostles Creed, are kept divided, and pitted against one another in hate, by teachers of religion who mistake their own vanity for the will of Christ whose chief doctrine is "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Read the Sermon on the Mount, and the parable of the Good Samaritan. There would be more peace and love in the community if more of the Gospel of Jesus Christ were taught instead of more Church ordinances. More love and less hate is a long step towards the salvation of the soul, and bliss of life eternal.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

The Women's Auxiliary of the Chapel presented its United Thank Offering of $12 at the semi-annual service held in the Pro-Cathedral, April 27. This is a good showing for a membership of nine.

We are glad to annonce the organization of a Women's Guild with Miss Ethel A. Ott, president; Mrs. Butler, Secretary; and Mrs. Hertz, Treasurer. The Guild held its first meeting Tuesday evening, April 25, in the basement of the Chapel with ten members present. The object of this Guild is to do what women can do with the Church. The monthly dues are 25 cents. Here is an opportunity for the women in Venango.

The Chapel women will give a Kaffee-Klatch Friday evening, May 19, in the basement of the Chapel. There will be music and dancing. Admission 25 cents.

The Lenten Offering of the Sunday School presented on Easter Day is $82.18. The special offering of the congregation on Easter Day is $19.10. Considering the hard times, this is a splendid showing. The average attendance of the week day Lenten services exceeded forty, and the total collection was $21.52.

The Quarterly Social evening, April 21, under the auspices of the Young People's Society, was a delightful event. It was a people's gathering for good fellowship and entertainment. The program was most interesting, made up of local talent of large variety. The Boys' Club furnished comedy and athletic stunts. John and Arnold Nidecker represented the Kintergarden on the program very creditably. Piano and violin solos were rendered by Naomi and Helen Hertz, Louise and Madeline Baumann, and Helen McCafferty, former graduates of our Daily Kindergarten. There were also refreshments and of course a little dancing. It was on the whole a very happy people's party.

The Young People's Society wishes to thank all those who helped to make this party a success, and hopes to be able to announce something as enjoyable in the near future.

Our people are to have a rare opportunity of meeting the Rev. Dr. J. DeWolf Perry, who will administer Holy Communion in the Chapel Sunday morning, at 10.30, May 14. Dr. Perry, former Dean of the Germantown Convocation, is the man who planted the Mission, and built the Chapel. He was instrumental also in securing the land on which it stands, and which was given by the late Mr. W. W. Frazier.

The Rev. Dr. Perry will visit the Chapel the second Sunday, May 14, will conduct the service and administer Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M.

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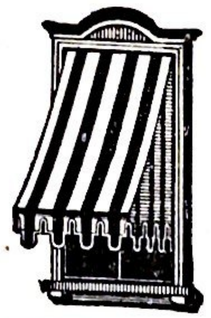
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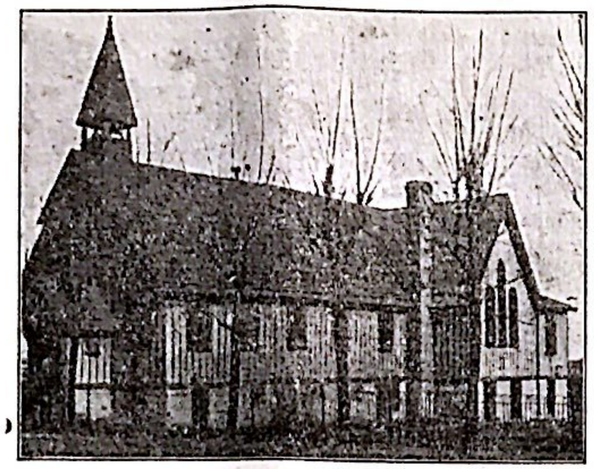
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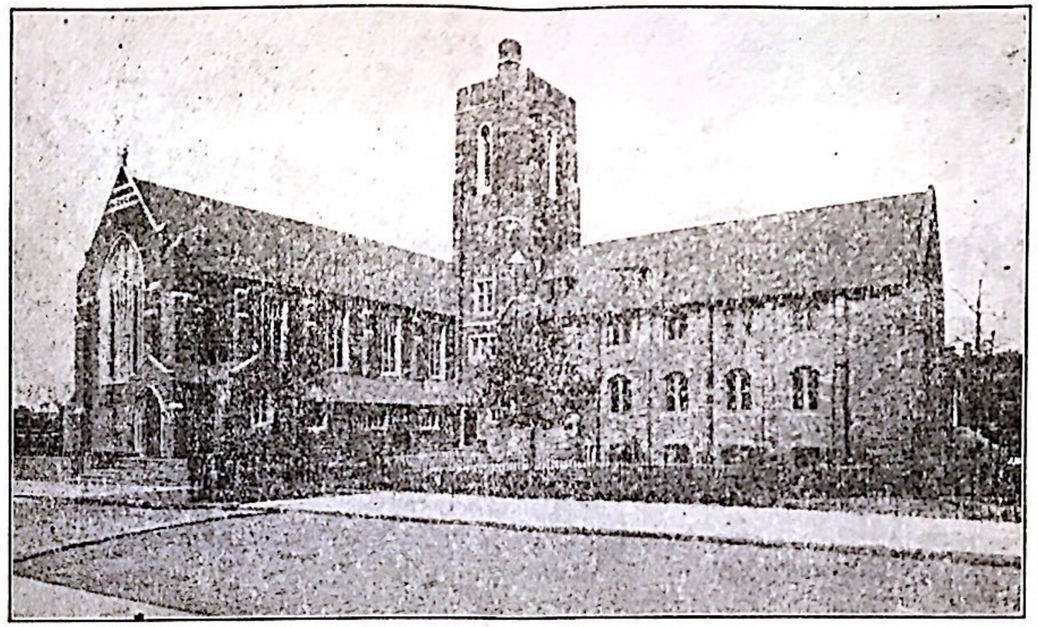
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LOVE OR HATE: WHICH?

A straight answer to this question will tell plainly whether you are Christian or not. This was the test in the Christian Church in the early days of its growth and development. Long, long before there was such a thing as Roman Catholic Church, or Presbyterian Church, or Methodist Church, or Baptist Church, or any other name, there was a Church which Christ founded. It was the Church for all peoples and languages, and therefore it was called the Universal Church. As the common language of the early Christians was the Greek language, they naturally called it the *Catholic* Church, because the word *Catholic* is the Greek word for Universal. When in the words of the Apostles' Creed we profess our belief in "the Holy Catholic Church," we mean the Church of Christ which is Universal, that is, wherever Christ is recognized and accepted as the Savior of the world, as He claimed to be. Wherever His gospel is preached, wherever His commandments are observed, wherever He is worshipped and adored as the Son of God, as the Mediator and Redeemer of mankind, there is the Church Catholic. Catholic is simply a Greek word (meaning Universal), which was Anglicized, just as the words Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, which are all Greek words Anglicized for convenience of expression; just as the words electricity, mechanics, physician, psychology and thousands of other Greek words have been adopted for use not only in the English but in all other languages. And as the word Catholic was used by the early Christians, who spoke the Greek language, and as Catholic is a word the meaning of which is understood by many nations to mean Universal, it has properly been retained in the Apostles' Creed. But there is no more sanctity attached to the word Catholic than to the word Universal, or to any other adjective.

Now the characteristic of the Catholic Church, that is, the Church of the early centuries, is Unity of Spirit and Love. The heathen could tell a Christian by his life of love. The love shown by Christians was the marvel of the heathen, and it drew them to the Christian Church in spite of themselves. The spirit of love is the spirit of Christ.

It was much later, say about 800 A. D., when the Christian Church, having been drifting, since 325 A. D., away from the teachings of the Apostles, that we begin to hear of the Roman Catholic and the Greek Catholic Churches. The additional adjectives Roman and Greek signify an important change of complexion and a radical difference in character between these and the early Church called Catholic. There is also now a large group of Christians calling themselves *Old* Catholics. So we have the Roman, the Greek and the Old each of which means something different, and neither is thoroughly Catholic in so far as there is little love in them for one another.

Remember our Lord's words: "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Real Catholics are known by their lives and teachings of love. A person, or an institution, whose teachings engender and keep alive separation and hate among neighbors may be religious but is neither Catholic nor Christian.

"Divide and conquer," is a good motto for the devil; but Christians should shun it as they do its author. It is contrary to the teachings of the Master.

The Pharisees were separatists. Our Lord denounced them.

It is the business of the Catholic Church to foster the spirit of Christian brotherhood which tends to overcome the material partition walls of brick and stone which our earthly life necessities, and to minimize the material walls which tend to separate homes of various stations in life here. It is not the business of the Church to add spiritual partition walls within the home, keeping it divided against itself here and hereafter.

Go to the Court of Domestic Relations, and see the number of cases of homes divided and homes broken up by "religious (?) differences," to say nothing of divided communities over these differences, and trace the cause of it to the proper source, then you will know how to distinguish between the Church which is Catholic and the Church which is not. For the Church which is Catholic fosters unity and love; but the Church which is not engenders and keeps alive separation and hate.

WHAT DOES CHRIST SAY?

Let our Lord Jesus tell us what makes a person a member of the Holy Catholic Church:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Mark you, not "friend," nor "member of your Church," but *neighbor*, whatever he may be, Roman Catholic or Protestant or Jew. The attitude of love is enjoined by our Lord upon His followers, and no one is entitled to the name Catholic who shows malice, or harbors hate in his heart, towards his neighbor. Wives and husbands are the nearest neighbors. And a home without love is no Christian home.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Love is the trade mark of the Christian.

So necessary is love to the character of a Christian that our Lord commands us to love even our enemies: "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." This is Catholic teaching.

St. Paul, the great exponent of our Lord's teaching, says that if we have all the virtues of heaven and earth, and have no love, we have nothing. And St. Peter says that "Love covereth a multitude of sins." The meaning of this is found in our Lord's own words: "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much."

Thus love, and not hate or malice, is the characteristic of the Catholic Church; and a Church which does not show this love is not Catholic; nor are its members Catholic who lack the quality of love. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The month just past has been crowded with events full of interest.

May 2-3, the annual Diocesan Convention, at which representation of women, we regret, was denied by one lay vote, and limited lay representation, we are glad, was given to Missions. Hereafter St. George's can send a lay delegate to the Diocesan Convention.

May 9, Convocation Meeting at Emmanuel Church, Kensington, at which a committee was appointed to ascertain the needs of St. George's Chapel (Venango).

May 10, an exceedingly fine organ recital was given in the Church under the auspices of our Young People's Assembly.

May 13-20, Boys' Week, the greatest movement yet undertaken by a community.

May 14, Mother's Day, equal in importance. On that day also, at 4 P. M., in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at the annual service of the presentation of the Lenten Offering, our Sunday School presented an offering for Missions of $229.45, larger than ever before.

May 15, Directors' Meeting of the Drexel-Biddle Bible Classes at Holy Trinity Parish House.

May 16, the greatest and most far-reaching event for purer politics in our state government within the last fifty years; the choice of the people of men like Messrs. Pinchot, Pepper, Edmonds, Dr. Woodward and the like.

May 23, the quite successful entertainment given by the Women's Guild.

May 6, the candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society, at a service held in St. Luke's Church, Germantown, at 3 P. M., presented their offering of $5 for the Mission School in Japan.

Elizabeth Herbsleb received a cerficate for good work done during the year.

May 24, Miss Montgomery, on her visit to our candidates, won the hearts of more than forty girls by the beautiful flowers which she gave every one of them. We never were in a happier atmosphere. "When is she coming again?"

AN OFFERING

On Saturday, May 20, late in the afternoon, as we sat in the office thinking over some problems, among which was the heat and light bill, there was a knock at the door. Knocks at our office door are quite frequent. Many of them come from little children. But this caller was a man long past middle age, a neighbor and friend, with a kindly face of a veteran American workman, a childlike pleasant face, the kind of face which is wrought and fashioned deeply by an abiding love of Christ and faith in Him.

He said he came on an errand, carrying his own message with him, and handed us an envelope which contained AN OFFERING of $100 to the Church, accompanied by his note which read as follows:

"As the good Lord has given me a fair share of this world's goods, I feel it is my duty to give some of it back to Him for the advancement of His kingdom here on earth."

This Christian gentleman asked that his name be not published in connection with this offering, as he had been trying as far as possible "not to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing."

He made a similar offering to three of the other Evangelical Churches in this neighborhood.

When a man has reached this point of view as regards God and His kingdom and responsibilities to the Church, he has reached very near what St. John calls life eternal.

We can easily conceive the kingdom of God near when the majority of men and women are moved by the Spirit which evidently dwells in the heart of that gentleman. We all should be thankful to God for the lives of such men and women, for we owe much to them for what Christianity there is in this world.

Our Church Council, which has undertaken to look after the welfare of our Church, has conceived the idea of placing before our people the budget of our Parish, which means the total amount needed annually for the support of St. George's Church. In round numbers it amounts to about $8,000 a year. This sum would make us an independent parish. They published this budget for distribution, giving the various items of expenditure. They figured that if 300 out of the 370 families claiming allegiance to this Church were to contribute a dollar per week per family we should not only pay our expenses, but would also have $7000 a year for improvements, works of charity and free entertainments for our people, which would help much to make the life of our people more happy and more joyful. The Church Council has so far met with the most promising success. Those whom they have so far interviewed were glad and willing to co-operate; and we trust that all our people will be of the same mind; and that our Council will continue its work until it is completed.

It is astonishing how good God is, and how He is throwing opportunities in our way for our own good and happiness. Are we going to be men and women enough to show our appreciation by taking advantage of these opportunities for Christ's sake, for our own sake and the sake of our children?

June 4 is Whitsunday, the day on which Christian people celebrate the birth of the Christian Church. The proper place to celebrate this day is the Church. Let all of us be on hand in the Church on that day.

On June 11 we celebrate what is called Trinity Sunday, in perpetuation of the Christian doctrine, God the Father, God the Redeemer, God the Comforter, as taught in the New Testament. It is the faith into which we are baptized, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," as Christ Himself has prescribed. Trinity Sunday, therefore, is one of the great feasts of the Christian Church to be respected and properly observed by all Christian people.

On this day also the young men who have chosen to serve God in the Christian ministry are ordained by the Bishop. And prayers are offered by God's people that these men prove worthy of their sacred calling, and that both by their life and doctrine, that is, teaching, they may set forth the true and living Word of God and duly administer

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BAPTISMS

No.
1153, May 7. Dorothy Tietz
1154. " 7. Mary Elizabeth Ahlers
1155. " 14. William Albert Martin
1156, " 14, Joseph Martin
1157, " 26, Andrew Hayes

MARRIAGES

No.
205, May 18, { Francis E. Buckwalter / Anna M. Kimber

BURIALS

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord"

No.
520, May 2. George W. Fisher
521, " 6, Anna Wicker
522, " 12, Frederick Bauers
523. " 13, Hannah E. Mehaffey
524. " 29. Andrew Hayes

CHAPEL

BURIALS

32, May 13. Louisa Oechsle

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the sacraments.

It is a day on which Christian people should make special effort to be in Church.

It is not enough to give money to the Church. It is the smallest and easiest thing to do. But we should also render personal service to God. The giving of money is acceptable only in so far as it means the giving up something of yourself, when it costs you something to give, when you take away from yourself and give it to God. This is the true Christian spirit.

We need more teachers in our Sunday School. Will you not offer your services? We need more workers as members of various societies. Will you not enlist in the ranks? We need more help in the Church Council. Will you not apply for a position in this department? You are certainly good for something. Will you not do this something? The fact that we all like some one to do something for us proves that we ought to do something for some one. You are always doing something for some one when you serve in the Church.

The dream of a chime of bells in the tower of our Church will not down. Again and again it looms in imagination, and we hear mentally the sweet message sweetly ringing out and reaching the sick, the shut-in, and the lonely, and the sad at heart, and we see the softening of hard faces as the Spirit is stirred within. Who can resist the charm of an old hymn rung out by a chime of Church bells? Would to God this may come from the tower of St. George's Church some day.

If our people carry out the plan of one-dollar-per-week-per-family, we may have it in two years. And what a monument of lasting glory for all who have helped to get it!

Our Sunday School excursion, which is the annual outing for all our people, will go to Augustine

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The Girls' Friendly Society gave $5 for the heat and light fund and $10 towards other expenses of the Church. A splendid example to follow.

If we praise the choir it is because it is praiseworthy. Mr. Butcher is doing more than training well the choir. He is also teaching the young and others how to worship God and serve the Church in the choir.

CORRECTION

The work of compiling for the first time of our Parish Directory was very difficult, and therefore some grave errors of omission crept in unawares. These errors will be rectified in the next year's Directory. About a dozen or more of our faithful families were omitted in the list of membership. And the number of people confirmed, on page 17, is reported 740 instead of 864, which is the correct number confirmed during the last twenty years in St. George's Mission. We trust our next year's Directory will be more fully printed.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children are the greatest treasure of any community, but especially of a Christian community. In celebrating Children's Day the second Sunday, June 11, we call on all parents and friends to co-operate. See that all the children are on hand in Church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the Sunday School hour, to take part in the exercises.

In the last issue of THE VISITOR we gave a list of books on Church history now in the Richmond Branch of the Free Library for the benefit of our people. To this list have been added: "Church History from Nero to Constantine," by Clarke, covering the persecution period, and "Everyman's Book of Saints," by the same author. Speak to Miss Thompson, in the Library, and she will direct you to the shelf where these books are.

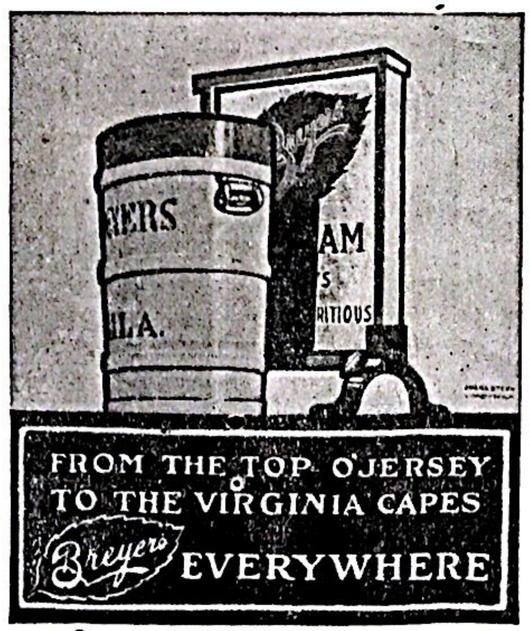
All modern people should know that Roman Catholicism of the modern type began about 800 after Christ and grew and developed until it reached its height in 1200 A. D. At this time a wave of learning and independent thinking and free investigation and questionings swept throughout the land. People began to find fault with the corruptions in the Church. They demanded reform, or housecleaning, in the Church. But by that time the "Organization" was so intrenched that every effort at reform by high-minded Churchmen was thwarted by the "Organization." Effort after effort was made,

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but failed, until the beginning of the sixteenth century, when the good Church people could stand it no longer, there was a wholesale breaking away from the "Organization" and a return to the Holy Catholic Church of the Apostles. This event is called the Reformation. The Catholics who broke away from the "Organization" cheerfully accepted the name Protestant, protesting against the existing godlessness and wickedness in the Church of those days, and returned to the Holy Catholic Church preceding 800 A. D. But you should not take people's words for it. You should read history yourself, and know the truth of the matter, and the truth shall make you free.

Miss Passmore, head nurse of the Northeastern Hospital, will address the Girls' Friendly Society Monday evening, June 5, at 8 o'clock. All girls are invited to hear this address.

Altar flowers were placed as follows:

May 7—Mrs. Clews, in memory of her brother.

May 14—Mrs. Powell, in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Woodworth.

May 28—Mrs. Jane Powell.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

The Chapel delegation of the Sunday School, headed by Miss Lillian Coulter, at the Lenten Offering Service in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Sunday afternoon, May 14, presented $84.80 which the Sunday School children of the Chapel gave to Missions.

Forty-four people received the sacrament of the Holy Communion at the morning service on May 14, at which the Rev. Dr. James deWolf Perry officiated. An act of filial devotion was manifested in Christian spirit by the members of the Oechsle family who came to pay their loving respects to the memory of their recently departed mother in corporate communion. Mrs. Oeschle was a truly Christian mother to all her children; and they all appreciate it. It was her last wish that they all hold fast to the faith and to the Church.

The amount of $68.56 was realized by our Chapel women from the Kaffee-Klatsch given by them on Friday, May 19. This will be devoted towards a carpet and door mat for the Chapel. This is the fruit of unity and the spirit of love and loyalty to the Chapel.

Look for more detailed information in the next issue of the *Visitor* about the Chapel picnic to take place sometime in July.

The treasurer acknowledges receipt of special offerings from "An old friend" $1.; from Mrs. Charles Vanderslice $1. and Mrs. Pilger $1. Total $3.

Mr. Wyatt, who has done excellent work for the Chapel, has gone for a four months vacation, and the Rev. Lloyd M. Smith will officiate in his place. Rev. Smith lives at 5279 Germantown Avenue. His Phone number is "Germantown 2496 R."

The recently organized Woman's Auxiliary, led by Miss Ott, our Chapel Kindergarten teacher, is most promising. There are more than twenty members full of life and zeal for the Chapel. They meet every Tuesday evening, and are doing mighty good work. Applicants are cordially welcomed. May God's blessing rest upon our Chapel women.

The members of our Friday Evening Bible Class has unanimously voted to continue its sessions until further notice. Visitors are welcome to these lectures and Bible study.

The Fathers' Meeting decided to meet on the first Thursday of each month instead of weekly until the Fall when the weekly meeting will be resumed.

Everything else being equal our readers are requested to patronage those who advertize in the Visitor. One good turn deserves another.

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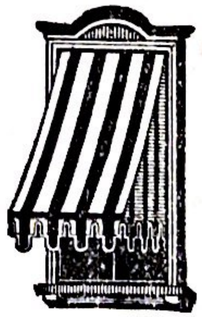
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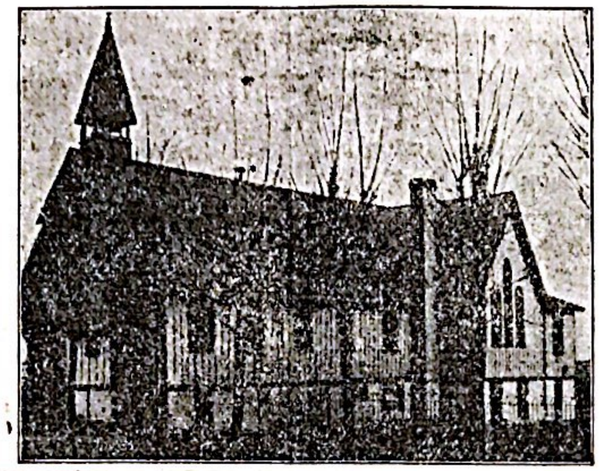
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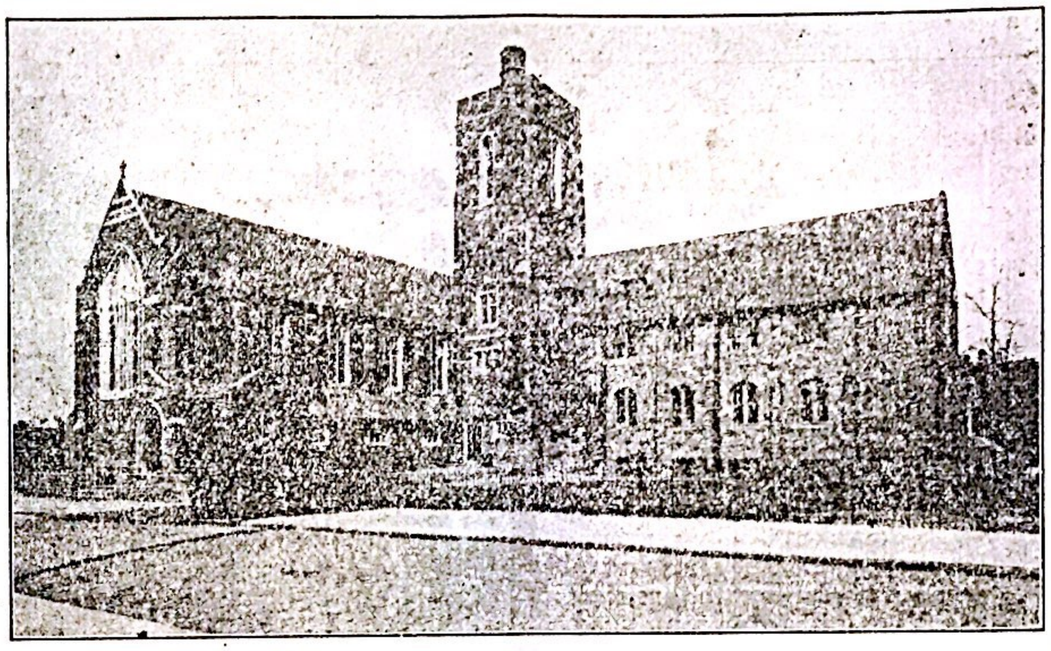
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PRIDE

From the early days of the Christian Church pride has been regarded as one of the seven deadly sins. The other six are covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. They are called deadly sins because they all kill. They may vary in name and composition, but they all effect the same thing, namely, death. Like other various poisons one may act slower than the other. Or the same poison may act differently in point of time in different persons; but sooner or later their common result is death. The difference between poison and sin is, the one is deadly to the body, the other to soul and body.

These seven sins are called deadly because they are destructive of everything which we all in common call good. There may be other sins which are as deadly; but we can safely take for granted that if by the grace of God and the will of the people (for it requires both), these seven sins were eliminated from our life, we should without doubt have heaven on earth.

Pride, then, is one of those sins which help to keep heaven out of the earth. It is destructive of good fellowship, and kills good will. When we read, therefore, in the Bible that God despises the proud, we feel that it rings true, we need no other evidence of its authenticity. Pride is a deadly sin; and yet there is a pride, a holy pride, if you please, without which we lack in character; without which we betray a want of the sense of appreciation. For instance, it would not at all be out of the way if we all were proud of our Father in heaven; if we were proud of Christ our Saviour; if we could honestly boast of actual communion with the Comforter; if we were proud of our Church and our faith without invidious comparison with other Churches and other faiths; just proud of doing what we think is right and decent. This kind of pride is anything but sin. It is rather bordering on sin not to have it; for in substance it is but the nursing within us a sense of appreciation of the good and the beautiful and the holy and decent and the right.

Would that all our people would be proud of St. George's Church, and of the great opportunity which this Church gives them to do the work of God and the work of promoting common welfare.

CONFIRMATION

On Sunday morning, January 7, Bishop Garland will visit this Church and administer the rite of Confirmation to those who are willing to receive it.

Confirmation in St. George's Church has always been an occasion of rejoicing, because of the goodly number of people who have come forth to confess publicly Jesus Christ as their Saviour; for that is what Confirmation means, every time the Bishop visits St. George's. Ten months ago fifty people received (in the language of the Bible) the Laying on of Hands which we call Confirmation; and surely there ought to be no less at the next Confirmation. It will mean fifty more enlisting in the service of Christ, and fifty more receiving the blessing of the Holy Spirit. That it is a blessing no one doubts. But it is more than a blessing. It is perpetuating in the Church a custom inaugurated by the Apostles and doubtless with the approval of our Lord. Our Lord says: "Every one who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven." There is not a more beautiful way of taking our Lord at His word than through the solemn rite of Confirmation. Our Lord also adds: "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven." And it is this sharp warning that makes the Pastor anxious to have a large Confirmation Class.

The Pastor will be glad to receive applications and explain further to those who desire information on the subject of Confirmation.

Beginning with Tuesday, November 7, the Pastor will conduct a Confirmation Class for young people seeking Confirmation which will continue to meet every Tuesday, from 7 to 9 P. M. until Confirmation day. Adults will please consult the Pastor privately. A good way to prepare for Confirmation is regular attendance at Church services.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Perhaps the most interesting event in the Parish last month was the Men's Supper, cooked and served by members of the Women's Guild and of the Girls' Friendly Society, October 19th.

The supper was tastefully cooked and tastefully served, a splendid sample of excellence in housekeeping and skill in the art of keeping men in good humor. The supper was certainly enjoyed by all present.

There were present 65 men. At the speakers' table sat, besides the Pastor, Mr. Waters, Mr. Brinton, Rev. Hubert-Jones, Mr. Warnock and Maj. Biddle. They were all listened to with close attention, because the subject of all the speakers was one and the same, namely, Christ and His Church. And at the end of their symposium about thirty men volunteered to help by personal service in the effort which is now made by our Church Council to strengthen our Church and make St. George's an independent Parish.

We are now in the midst of this noble campaign, praying that the results to be published in the next isuue may be such as to gladden the hearts of the members and friends of St. George's Church.

Co-operation is the most fatal foe of failure but the surest road to success.

Suppose 300 of our families cooperate. Suppose they club together, each family giving a dollar a week into a common fund. The result would be a common fund for the year of $15,600, belonging to all for the use of all. We take out, let us say, of the treasury $8,600 for the support of our Church, covering all expenses and obligations, and the property kept in first class condition. For one dollar a week every family gets the benefit of Church service, going and coming as it is most convenient, always sure of pastoral care and Christian minis-

tration as a right as well as a privilege.

But this is not all. There is still an amount of $7000 left to be spent for the year. Suppose we set aside $500 for relief work in our parish in ordinary circumstances; more if need be in case of emergency. We still have $6,500 left. Suppose when summer comes we spend $500 for our annual picnic, chartering a boat stocked with good things free for our people, all those who belong to St. George's, we still have $6,000 left. Suppose we give to our people a monthly exhibition of the best movies in the market at a cost of $500 a year, we still have $5,500 left. Suppose we lay aside $1,000 a year to encourage and help some of our talented children through their difficulties in whatever branch of education they are anxious to succeed, so that they would not be forced from it prematurely, we still have $4,500 left. Suppose we spend $500 a year for the organization and upkeep of our own orchestra, we still have $4,000 left. Suppose we spend $500 a year on gymnasium work for our boys and girls, we still have $3,500. Suppose we set aside $2,000 a year for the next four years towards a chime of Church bells in the tower, and thereafter toward other improvements, we still have $1,500 a year left for all sorts of entertainments or relief as time requires. And all these free to all our people. All this could easily be done by 300 families contributing a dollar a week per family. But the finest thing in the world would be that the other families who cannot by necessity contribute that amount would still share alike in all these benefits as members of the Church, doing the best they can. What family earning $20 per week could not lay aside one dollar towards this great co-operative plan? Can you not see that most, if not all, of the recreations and pleasures you now buy you could enjoy for one tenth of what they cost you now, and with the maximum amount of enjoyment and benefit.

What has just been enumerated is but part of the many things we might accomplish for our enjoyment and benefit right at home in the Parish House. This really would be the beginning of real happiness. And our young people would not be forced to wander about looking for pleasure at the risk of their future happiness.

Then think of the relief from ticket selling and ticket buying for anything given in the Church; and think of the pleasure of always being free to come with your family to first class entertainments and socials given often in the Parish House without thought of a ticket. This is what our Church Council is trying to bring about in their present campaign They want a dollar a week from each of 300 families. This is the co-operative plan. It will place us all on a higher level both spiritually and materially.

We are fortunate in having Miss Doris Chapman, an accomplished young lady of Chestnut Hill, help in the Junior Candidate Branch of the G. F. S. every Wednesday, from 7 to 9 P. M. She also comes on Friday evenings for special class work among these little girls. There are always from forty to sixty girls present. Miss Chapman is an excellent teacher in the art of giving

entertainment and also dancing. The girls like her very much.

Mrs. Rosewarne's second children's party given Tuesday evening, October 3rd, was very successful. The children had a great time; and their donation to the Church was $15.

On the first Tuesday, November 7, Mrs. Rosewarne will give in the Parish House a children's Hallowe'en Party. We expect lots of fun and joyfulness.

On the following evening, Wednesday, November 8th, the Young People's Fellowship will give to our public the much-talked of Moving Picture, featuring "The Power Within." The first reel will begin at 8 P. M. sharp. Avoid missing any part of it.

Careful preparation is made for the Organ Recital and Musical Service to be given in the Church under the auspices of the Young People's Fellowship, Wednesday, November 22nd, at 8 P. M. The fine program which is now in print includes Mr. Butcher, organist and choirmaster, the choir and Pastor. The congregation, too, is expected to have a part in it. We suggest that you reserve Wednesday, November the 22nd, for this joyous occasion. No admission fee, but the usual offertory.

Referring again to the Men's Supper, an account of which is printed on another page, it should be noted that one of its good features was the singing of Community Songs by all the diners and the music renderd by Henry and Marie Hjorth. This alone makes it worth while having another supper like it in the near future.

Our Troop of Boy Scouts has been deprived for some time of the leadership of their Scoutmaster, James Gannon, who finds it impossible to attend the meetings on account of irregularity of work and hard study in school. We make this statement with the hope that it may catch the eyes of one who is in position and willing to lead the Troop in its meetings at least until such a time as Mr. Gannon is able to resume his work in the Troop. The Troop now has a wonderful set of wireless and a first class radio. They need a presiding officer badly.

We would remind all our societies that the dates for our annual fair are Friday and Saturday, November 24-25. We would remind especially our women of the fact that a fair involves many things to be thought out and worked for before hand. Always those who succeed in a fair are those who work hard for its success. No one enjoys a fair as much as he who works hard for it. If we are all going to enjoy our fair and to succeed we must all work hard for it. We may not all be able to work *in* the fair, but we can all work *for* it. Send in things for rummage sales.

We often wondered what people meant when they used the word "America" as standing for something, until we found ourselves one evening in the Philadelphia Forum, listening to a famous public speaker who has since gone into life eternal. He said, if you take the first letters of the following words in order, it

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BAPTISMS

No.
1173, Sept. 30, Dorothy Lanz
1174, Oct. 1, Ruth Jenetta Schilling
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No.
211, Oct. 28, { Andrew Hazlet / Lillian R. Moffatt

BURIALS

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CHAPEL

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"Suffer the little children to come unto Me"

No.
Oct. 11, Florence Wagner
Oct. 21, Walter John Janus

BURIALS

No.
Sept. 25, George Henry Oechsle
Oct. 6, Mr. Conrad Baker
Oct. 26, Mr. James Creagmile

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spells *America*: Amplitude, Magnanimity, Energy, Rectitude, Idealism, Chivalry, Altruism. The composition of these goes to make up Americanism. It is not then the accident of birth that makes one an American indeed.

The following two items, clipped will show how true the old saying "It's all a matter of taste" is:

1. A little boy was asked if he was pleased with the new school. His answer—"Naw! Dey made me wash me face an' when I went home de dorg bit me 'cause he did not know me."

2. One woman asked another: "How do you like our new neighbor?" And the answer: "I never saw such an ignorant person as she is. She can't talk about anything but painting, books and music. She doesn't know a word of gossip about anybody."

If the owners of the caps which were lost and found here do not call and claim them, it is because they do not read ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR. If the caps become lost to them for that reason, the punishment for such delinquency will be all too insufficient.

The following announcement should be read carefully by all concerned: The Gymnasium classes are now open for Juniors and Seniors on Friday evening, from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. Prospective members are asked to call and get acquainted. Parents will do well by their boys to send them around. We have a fine class of boys from ten years old and up; and they are all full of pep.

With the permission of our beloved Pastor, the Rev. A. J. Arkin, we will give a dance every other Saturday evening in the Parish House. The next one will be November the 11th. Come and let us show you good fellowship, and let us get to know one another better. Mr. Tasker assisted by James and John Mullin, Wilbur Arndt, Sidney James and John Griffith are

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We wish we could afford the space to describe for the readers' information the exquisite fun and the variety of entertainment of the six hallowe'en parties given in succession in the Parish House, that of the Candidate Branch G. F. S., of the Young People's Fellowship, of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, Athletic Association, of the Parish people and that of Mrs. Rosewarne's pupils. All very good, all fine, and all pleasant.

The Altar Flowers during October were placed as follows: October 1, by Mrs. Powell, Miss Florence Faulkner, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arndt in memory of their son, Harry; Mrs. Millington in memory of her husband.

October 8, by Harry and George Funk and Mrs. Margaret Kirland in memory of their mother; Mrs. Reese Lauer in memory of her husband.

October 15, Mrs. Parker in memory of William and Elsie Parker.

"I hard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors."

The Polish congregation of the Church of the Redeemer, housed in St. George's Parish House, and in charge of Rev. John B. Panfil, their pastor, held its Fifth Anniversary service in our Church, Sunday, October 29th, at 4 P. M. There was a congregation of over 300 present, with four visiting priests in the Chancel. The service was very impressive, and the offering was liberal.

Our Polish congregation has outgrown all the room we can give them, and it is hoped that a more convenient building, a home church, may be found for our Polish brethren.

Every reader of this paper should be looking forward with pleasure to our Thanksgiving service to be held in Church Thursday, November 30th, at 10.30 A. M. The offering is to be devoted to the Episcopal Hospital and partly to the Northeastern Hospital.

For the last three weeks our Church Council has been working hard to carry out the program adopted at the Men's Supper in the interest of our Church. On two successive Sundays our people received personal calls leaving an urgent message in every home. Probably one or two homes might have been overlooked through oversight. If so we wish them to know that it was not intentional; and if they will make themselves known, the error will be rectified.

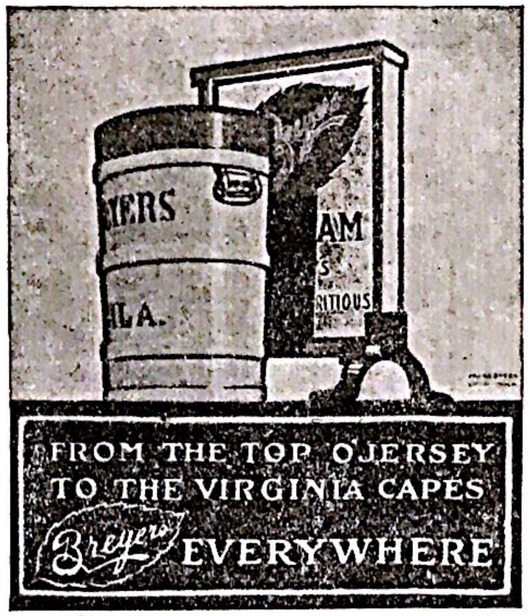
On Sunday evening, November 12th, the result of the canvass will be reported in Church to the congregation. We are sure it will be a very interesting report, and we hope that all our people will do their best to get to hear this report to be made by the Council to the congregation.

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Rally Day, October 8th, was very successful. There were over 200 people present. Some stood for lack of seats. The children did unusually well. The Pastor preached a children's sermon on "Excuses" which found its way to the hearts of the adults. All felt that the evening was well spent.

Old Members' Day, October 29th, exceeded all expectations. In the morning the Rev. Mr. Windley administered Holy Communion, and the Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick preached a sermon that made us feel the nearness of the departed saints. The evening service was preceded by an organ recital by David Campbell Grier; a sextette from St. James' Church, Hestonville, sang the following: Stainer's "God So Loved the World," Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light," Knapp's "Open the Gates of the Temple," Van De Water's "Penitent," and Johnston's "Face to Face." The congregation crowded the Chapel to the doors, and went home happy after hearing the Pastor speak on "Heavenly Recognition."

After Sunday School, October 22nd, the President of the Northeast Branch and Mr. Daniel Elliot spoke to the young people, and they decided to start a Christian Endeavor Society in the Chapel. The first business meeting was held Wednesday evening, October 25th, with fourteen present. On Sunday, October 29th, at 6.45 P. M., the first service was held with an encouraging number present. Every one is invited to join. "Come, and we will do thee good."

We are glad to welcome among us a faithful worker, Miss May Davis. Miss Davis is our organist and she teaches the Young Men's Bible Class also.

Many of the old classes in Sunday School are being revived, among them is the Ladies' Bible Class.

We appreciate the interest and services of Mr. William Thornton.

On October 27th the basement of the Chapel was crowded with people of young spirit for the annual Hallowe'en party. All had an enjoyable evening. The Treasurer reports a profit of $40.

The Young People's Social Club will give a Hallowe'en party Friday, November 10th.

On Wednesday evening, November 22nd, Miss Ott will give a Kaffe-Klatch for the benefit of the Kindergarten.

Sunday, November 26th, there will be a Harvest Home Festival. In the evening there will be special music.

Thursday, November 30th, there will be a Thanksgiving Service at 10.30 A. M. The offering will go to the Episcopal Hospital.

The Alter Memorial Flowers during October were placed as follows:

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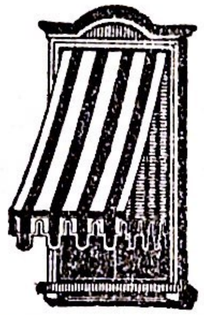
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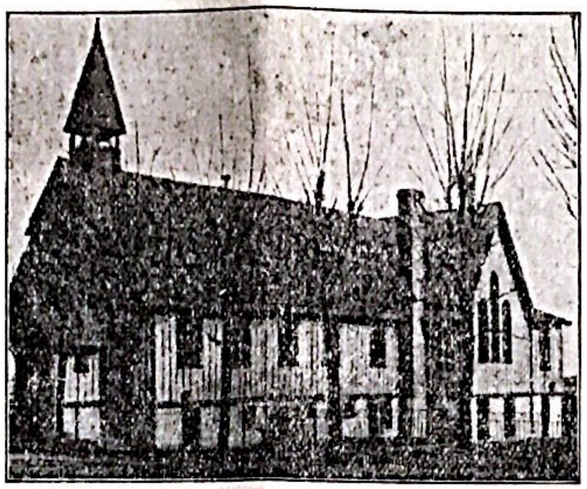
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Picture Service, ... 7.15 P. M.
Evening Prayer, ... 8.00 P. M.

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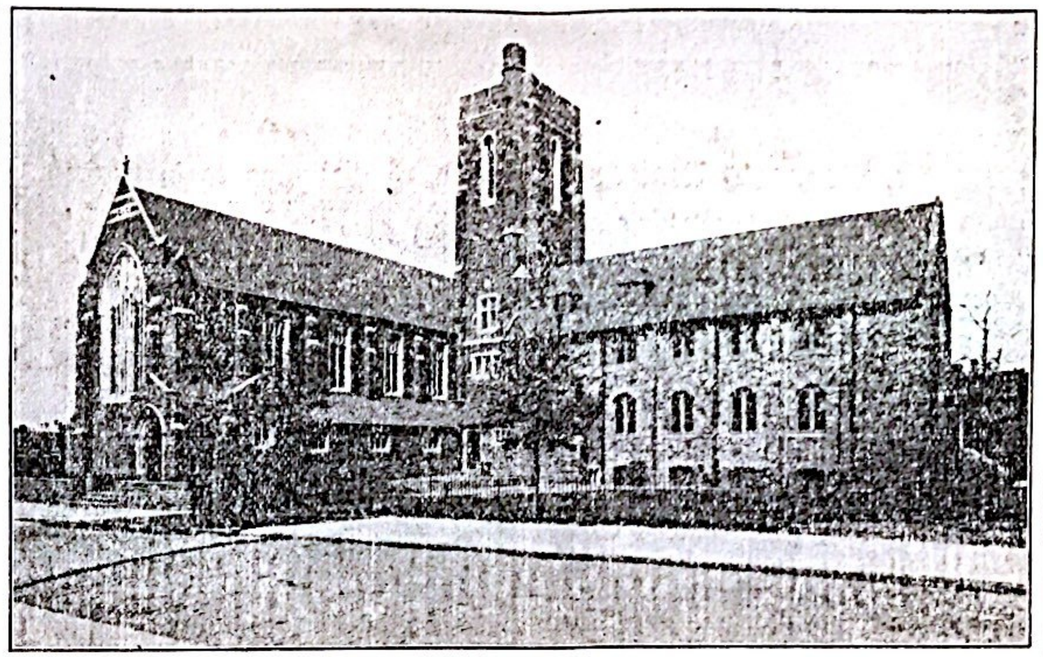
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EASTER

Hail to thee, O Easter, whose timely coming is as the coming of the spring sun which warms and quickens everything chilled by the churlish chiding of winter's winds. The air is charged with thy sweet message of immortality; and it is broadcasted by divine radio. Those whose receiving instrument is properly adjusted hear plainly, and with rejoicing heart, thy message, the Easter message; "Because I live, ye shall live also."

This message is in the air, and it is true. They hear it whose receiving instrument is adjusted to the proper wavelengths. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they can hear it. Yes, blessed are they, for their heart rejoices when they hear it. The wordly smart, the blind pleasure seekers, the success intoxicated, they do not hear. How can they? Their receiving instrument is out of tune, and screeching through maladjustment, due to cross currents. The message they hear is: "Eat and drink and be merry, for tomorrow you die." And it is not the Easter message at all.

Not so with those who love God and love His Church. They do hear the Easter message clearly, and their soul is rejuvenated:

"Christ is risen from the dead; and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death; by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die: even so in Christ shall all be made alive." (1 Cor. 15:20.)

WHITHER GOEST THOU?

If it makes no difference to you whence you have come, it surely makes a great deal of difference to you whither you are going. For going you are, whether you are asleep or awake, and you are going somewhere, just as sure as the night follows the day. Does it not make any difference to you where you are going to land? Listen to your own heart in the quiet moments of solitude, when you can hear the "still small voice" gently but persistently asking: "Whither goest thou?" The noise of wheels, and belts, and motors, and dishes, and typewriters, and jazz bands, and feverish merry-making, may drown the voice within you for a time, long or short, but only for a time. It will not cease asking, until satisfactorily answered, the question, "Whither goest thou?"

It refuses to be laughed down. It is not disturbed by mockery; you cannot suppress it by unbelief. If your heart and mind are normal, you will continue to hear the question, "Whither goest thou?" And if your heart and mind are normal, you will try to answer it, but never to avoid it. Your deep concern about the question will be your way to the right answer.

All things tend and move to the future. If the past and the present are real, surely the future, which is made up of both, is real. Indeed, the future is the only real thing which remains. The things of real value are the things which remain.

All transitory things are means to an end. The things which abide forever is the end. The body is the means; the soul is the end. Who is so foolish as to put the cart before the horse?

At the end it does not matter really whether we ate much or little; whether we laughed much or little, not that we should not eat or laugh; but it *will* matter whether we have sinned much or little; it will matter still *more* whether we have loved much or little. WHITHER GOEST THOU?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our celebration of Easter Day will begin with Holy Communion at 8 A. M., to be followed by the 10.30 service with Easter music and sermon; the Sunday School festival at 2. to take place in the Church, and assisted by the organ, choir and the Parish Orchestra. The presentation of the Sunday School Lenten Offering will be made then.

In the evening at 7.30, choral service.

To join public worship of God by radio is like eating your Easter dinner by radio. After all the radio is only the *next* best thing. The *best* thing is to see as well as hear. An opera or a service is good enough by radio when you cannot attend it in person. For this reason the radio is a great blessing and Godsend to the sick, the shut-ins and the lazy. But those who suffer no such misfortune always prefer personal presence to invisible broadcasting.

St. George's Church has no broadcasting station; but even if it had, we should still suggest to you that if you really wish to get the benefit and inspiration from Easter service and its beautiful and comforting music, you will do well to attend Church in person, and advise your friends to do the same.

On Tuesday following Easter Day there will be a Parish meeting in the assembly room at 8 P. M. To this meeting all our people are urged to come. There will be the annual election of officers, a brief review of the year's work, an opportunity of getting acquainted, refreshments, and the Parish Orchestra.

It should be well understood by all that Church support is purely voluntary; that pledges made are subject to change at the will of those who make the pledge. They can raise their subscription or diminish it, or withdraw it altogether, if they so choose. The blank which our Church Council used in the Every Member Campaign to secure subscriptions for the support of the Church has on it printed: "This pledge being purely voluntary, may be recalled at any time by giving notice." If any one finds it difficult to live up to his pledge, all he has to do is to inform the Treasurer, or bookkeeper, and it will be changed. If for some reason he wishes to discontinue his subscription he should so advise. This much at least he ought to do for the good of the service. Otherwise the bookkeeper whose only guide is the pledge card will keep charging the subscriber with every envelope not returned. The weekly envelopes which the subscriber re-

ceives will keep him posted as to his standing on the treasurer's books.

Our envelope system of Church support is the best and easiest when properly carried out. But if there are some who prefer some other way, all we ask them to do is to so inform the Treasurer.

Giving to the Church is as much of a habit as any other good habit. You have to practice it to get the good out of it. Churches must be supported as well as schools. Nobody except a fool would like to see the Churches closed up and abandoned, no more than he would like to see the schools done away with. The difference between schools and Churches in this country is that the schools are supported by compulsory taxation. Everybody who eats, wears clothes, lives in a house, etc., pays in the money he spends on himself his share towards the upkeep of schools as well as the other government institutions. This is called indirect taxation. There is also direct taxation like Income Tax and other taxes. A tax dodger is punished by law; why? Because he is trying to get something for nothing. He is trying to get the benefits of community life without contributing his share of the expenses. But even if he should escape punishment, he is still a disgrace to the community in which he lives for the reason just given.

Now the Churches are of equal, if not of more benefit to the life of the community than the schools. This is evident from the number of Churches in existence; and they are not even supported by compulsory taxation, but by voluntary contributions. But because the contribution is voluntary does it argue that it is not just as necessary as the tax?

Money is not the only means by which a Church is supported. Personal service in whatever capacity rendered to the welfare of the institution is even more than money. But surely it is not unfair to expect some contribution to the Church from all who all alike share its benefits. And who is he who does not share its benefits no matter how he tries to keep away from it, pretending he has no need of the Church's benefits. He may pretend he does not need them, but he gets them just the same, just as he gets the benefits from the light of the sun, and all the other benefits showered upon him by the merciful and loving God, our Father.

The gain from an unkept pledge, or the withholding support from the Church is of much less value in the end than the satisfaction which comes from preformance of duty, no matter how big the expense.

Mrs. Rosewarne is to give a Children's Party, Tuesday evening, April 10th at 7.30 o'clock, in the Parish House, for the benefit of the Church. Our people are cordially invited.

There are now 16 members in our Boy Scout Troop 60. They have a fine up-to-date radio, and are making progress in the other branches of scoutcraft. Boys of scout age could not do better than to apply for membership to Troop 60.

Our Parish Directory for this year has come from the printer in a beautiful dress and much matter

within. We shall try to have every one of our families get a copy of it. In case any one is overlooked we shall be glad to be informed. We shall also appreciate any correction which needs to be made.

It is fair to say that the item in the Directory referring to the financial part of the business of the Parish, in regard to the one-dollar-per-week-per-family, contains an ideal scheme. Although quite practicable, it is still an ideal, and was written down in a moment of hopeful enthusiasm; but it was never meant as a burden on our good people.

One does all when he does his best.

If you have not already so done, try hard to secure an admission ticket to the room on the 9th floor of John Wanamaker's Store to view the two great paintings by Munkacsy: "Christ before Pilate," and "Christ on Calvary," in life size. One is about 21 x 14 feet and the other 23 x 14 feet. You will see one of the greatest things in the world, and will be the better for it.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to the meeting of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, to be held at St. George's, Tuesday, May the 8th. The business meeting will be held in the Church at 5 P. M., to be followed by supper and speeches in the Parish House. There will probably be 100 or 125 delegates, clergymen, laymen and laywomen from other Parishes. While St. George's Church will be the host, the members of the Women's Guild will have to act the hostesses, which no doubt they will be pleased to do.

The following is a continuation of an article on health printed in the last issue:

"Chew your food until you can swallow it very easily. If you swallow your food half chewed, it will make your stomach work too hard. Sip all liquids slowly. Do not take a drink of water while your mouth is full of food. Some of the best foods are fruits, boiled milk, sour milk, potatoes, bread, vegetables and nuts, if they are well chewed. It is best not to use pepper, mustard, catsup or other 'hot' relishes at all.

"Have your bowels move at least once each day. If you can get in the habit of moving the bowels thoroughly twice a day, after breakfast and after supper, so much the better. Headache is often caused by the bowels not moving. Food is the best thing to make your bowels move. That is the reason why you need food that fill you, like cabbage, beets, onions, carrots, parsnips, etc. Some foods which make the bowels move freely are figs, fruits, bran, oil, vegetables, butter, cream, sugar, honey, syrup, and juices of fruits. Drink plenty of water, especially before breakfast. Do not take drugs or medicines to make your bowels move unless the doctor tells you to.

"Lift your chest up, arch it forward and throw your shoulders back, stomach in. Do not slouch. If you stand straight and breathe deeply, it will help you to keep your chest up. It will also help to keep your bowels in good condition.

"If it is hard for you to sit up

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BAPTISMS

No.
1189, Mar. 7, Edward Miller
1190, " 11, Harry Anderson
1191, " 11, Dorothy Anderson
1192, " 11, William Henry Chapman
1193, " 14, John Russell Osborn
1194, " 18, William Lewis Linne

BURIALS

No.
543, Mar. 6, Thomas Johnson

straight in your chair, put a small pillow behind you low down, that is, in the small of the back. One of the common causes of constipation and nervousness is a slouching position. Walk and stand with heels apart and toes straight forward. 'Toeing out' leads to weak feet and flat foot." (*To be continued.*)

It is hard to tell whether the world is getting better or worse. But it is quite easy to see how much more powerful a little goodness is than a lot of badness. Goodness is like radium. The smallest quantity of it will put to naught much evil, like one ray of sunlight will chase a million shades of night. Just think of what the Cross on Calvary has done to the world; of what Christ is still doing to the world. He is transforming it. The best parents are Christian parents, the best friends are Christian friends, the best lovers are Christian lovers. Those who have some of Christ in them are the best whatever they may be.

The Young People's Fellowship have continued regular meetings throughout Lent, opening at nine o'clock right after Church service. After Easter the usual opening hour will be resumed.

The Fellowship meetings have been exceedingly interesting and instructive. Among the topics discussed recently were: "George Washington," "The Divorce Question," "The Occupation of the Ruhr District by the French," "The Port of Philadelphia." One evening was spent in a regular debate as to whether modern jazz was beneficial to mankind.

The following topics are to be taken up at the coming meetings: "Labor Unions," "Is the World Getting Better or Worse?" "Nationalism and Internationalism."

Among these serious topics there are also lighter ones; and there is also singing and music and pleasant sociability.

The newly elected officers are Miss Ella M. Rauch, President; Miss Thora Pedersen, Vice-President; Miss Marion Clews, Secretary, and Alfred P. Allison, Treasurer.

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On Palm Sunday morning the choir sang beautifully "O Saviour of the World," by Goss; and in the evening also, "The Story of the Cross," by Stainer. (The words of Hymn 106.)

On Easter Day: "Christ Our Passover," by Danks; Te Deum in G, by Dressler; Hallelujah Chorus, by Handel; Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis, by Stainer. Organ Postlude—March Pontifical in F, by Lemmens; Magnificat and Nunc Dimttis in E Flat, by Kimmins; Anthem, "As It Began to Dawn," by Foster, and Organ Postlude—Triumphal March, by Costa.

Those who contributed towards getting of our fine organ have made a good investment; they receive the benefit of it every time they attend Church service.

Here is the way Theodore Roosevelt preached the Gospel:

"The religious man who is most useful is not he whose sole care is save his own soul, but the man whose religion bids him strive to advance decency and clean living and to make the world a better place for his fellows to live in."

It is only interpreting in modern language the words of our Lord: Whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it. (Mt. 16:25.)

Again and again has Theodore Roosevelt emphasized the importance of material comforts, but far above these he placed spiritual health. So convinced was he in the usefulness of the Church as the agency for promoting spiritual welfare in the average man whom he loved that he gave not only money but his time in the work of the Parish in which he lived; and he was not less busy than the busiest man in America. What is the matter with those men who cannot see as he saw, and do not as he did?

It has been truly said that life is made up of roses and thorns. But we must pick the roses and be careful of the thorns. Here again the genius of Theodore Roosevelt rises high. He says: "It is foolish and timid no less than a wicked thing, to blink the fact that the forces of evil are strong, but it is even worse to fail to take into account the strength of the forces that tell for good."

There is neither foolish pessimism nor idiotic optimism in his philosophy of life. Much of his wisdom he drew from a thorough knowledge of the scriptures.

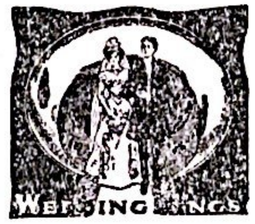
The Junior Marine boys are showing themselves to be very good shots on the target range. On the first evening that scores were taken the three highest scores were as follows:

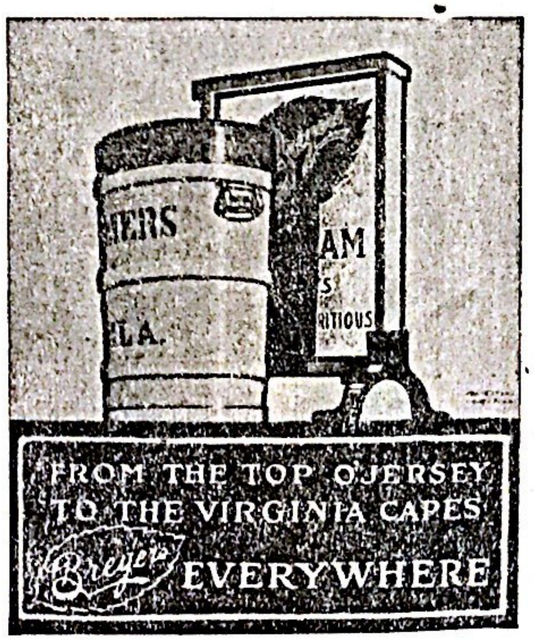
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CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS



Easter, April 1st, will be a big day in the history of the Chapel. At the evening service the amount of the Sunday School Missionary Offering will be announced, and the plate collection will go towards the new parish house. Kindly make both offerings as liberal as possible.

There will be no picture service Easter Day. In the evening there will be a children's service beginning at 7.30. Easter eggs will be given to the Sunday School at this service. If you wish a seat come early.

Sunday morning, April 8, the Rev. John Weber, Assistant at Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel, will be with us to celebrate the Holy Communion, and will preach.

Many of the stay-at-home Church goers, have heard Rev. Weber speak over the radio on Sunday mornings, and it is hoped that we shall have a good attendance to hear him in person.

In the evening Mr. Horace Prevoost will speak and have charge of the service.

The Christian Endeavor meetings Sunday evenings at 6.30 are well attended. On March 5th they enjoyed a visit to the Sunbeam Assembly. On Easter evening the younger members will receive Easter eggs.

The Chapel wishes to thank Mr. Frank Hinke for speaking at the picture service, March 18th, in the absence of Messrs. Oechsle and Kilpatrick; Mr. Charles Griess, our faithful magic lantern operator; Miss K. C. Coulter for her untiring efforts with the choir and Junior choir; and Miss E. Gustafson for her patient and loyal service with the Christian Endeavor and training the children for the Easter choral service.

At the preliminary meeting of the Boys' Club, March 12th, twenty-six boys attended. On the 19th "The Boys' Club of St. George's" was organized and officers elected with forty-six charter members present under the able leadership of Mr. Horace Prevoost. The Club meets every Monday evening, has lots of fun, and is planning a baseball team.

The Minister would like to see a Girls' Friendly Society organized in the Chapel, especially among the younger girls. Who is willing to help?

The Young People's Social Club will be revived the first Friday evening after Easter and will meet as usual thereafter.

The appointment by Mr. Kilpatrick of Mr. Frank Hinke to the Advisory Board was confirmed by the Board, March 30th. We welcome this old young member back to active service and are expecting big things in the future.

Depositors in the Fuel Savings Fund who have not received new deposit books, kindly see Mr. Kilpatrick immediately in order that he may check up this Fund.

PARISH HOUSE

For years we have been handicapped for lack of a suitable building for Club meetings, socials, concerts, dances, etc. The Advisory Board is contemplating the project of erecting a one story building about 24 feet by 72 feet. A campaign is about to be launched for raising of $2500 and for workers to erect the building. WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO?

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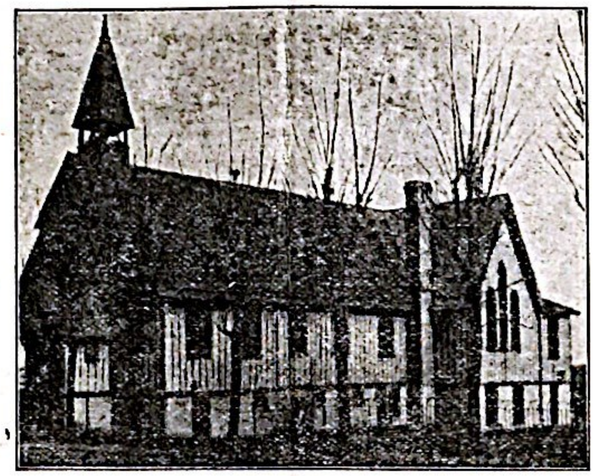
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Picture Service, ... 7.15 P. M.
Evening Prayer, ... 7.30 P. M.

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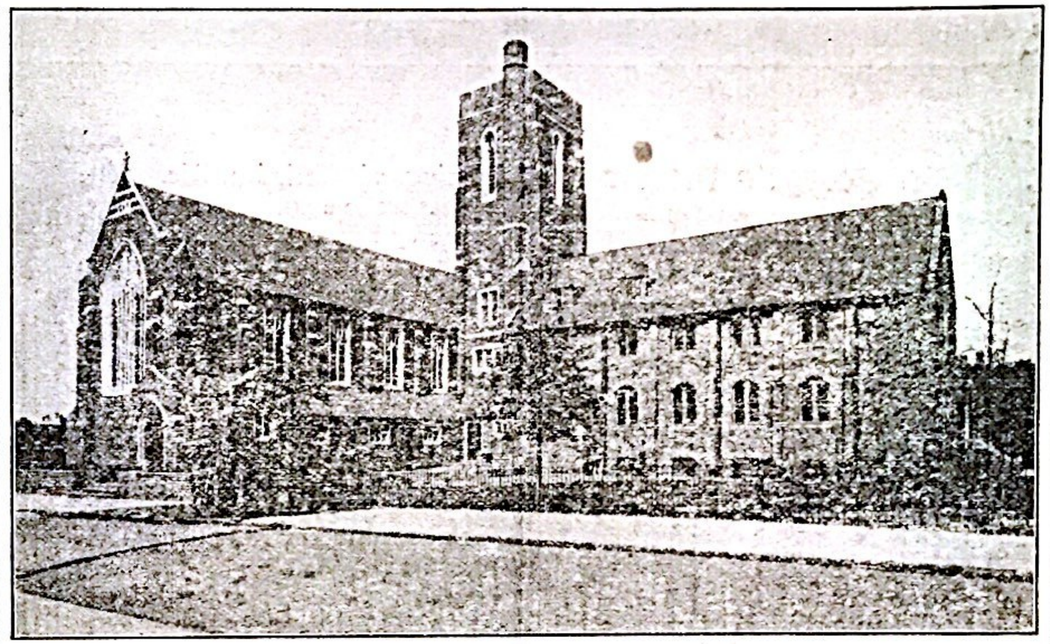
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Tuesday—Woman's Auxiliary
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Friday—Young Peoples' Club



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Third Sunday—Holy Communion, . . 8 A. M.

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Evening Prayer and Sermon, . . . 7.30 P. M.
Sunday School, ... 2 P. M.

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THE LITTLE RED BOX

When a baby has by Baptism been made a member of the Church that beautiful and solemn event marks the beginning of the baby's life as a Christian. The child is henceforth a Christian child as distinguished from those children that are not Christian. In one sense all children throughout the world, including all races and peoples, are God's children, just as the whole universe is God's universe. Yet since the famous injunction of our Lord: "Suffer little children to come unto Me; forbid them not;" and since the way of their *coming* to Him, so far as the outward and the visible part is concerned, is the same as laid down by Him for older people, namely, Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; then there is in reason a difference between babies who are baptized and babies who are not. The word "coming" does not mean *walking,* and therefore does not exclude babies who by reason of tender age cannot walk; but it does mean coming into close fellowship with Christ, and entering into the Christian atmosphere which the Church is perpetuating and keeping alive not only through inward and spiritual grace, but also by the outward and visible signs, ordained by Christ Himself.

We cannot start our children too soon in the path of Christian life. Baptism marks at least the visible beginning of Christian life. The baby has made a good start in Christian life by Baptism. Thanks to the parents who help the baby to make the good start.

Having made this start, or having been helped to this start, the baby is to continue to be helped, by nursing, training and teaching within the Church, to other things pertaining to Christian life. And who is more competent, or more fitting to do this continuous helping than those nearest to the baby? And who of all others are as near to the baby as are its parents; And of the two surely the mother is still the nearest.

When the baby is baptized, full record of it is made in the Church Register, securely kept, and a baptismal certificate is issued to the parents. Usually this certificate is accompanied by a little Red Box given to the mother by one of the devoted women of the Church, which means that the baby becomes henceforth an active member of the Church. An active member means one with some responsibility, with some duty to perform; one who makes some contribution to the great missionary work of the Church of God of which he is a member. It is this which makes the baby's membership real Indeed the use of the little Red Box by the baby is the beginning of the fulfilment of the promises made in his or her baptism through the sponsors. There is a prayer also printed on the little Red Box which reads: "God bless all the missionary work for Christ throughout the world." This prayer is to be said for the baby by the mother and is to be accompanied by a small offering to be dropped into the little Red Box until the child is taught to lisp that prayer and to drop into the box the small offering himself or herself from time to time throughout the year until Easter season, when on the date appointed by the Pastor of the Church the babies, helped by their mothers, themselves present their year's offering for missions at the Church. And this continues until the children are able to walk themselves to Sunday School, and are transferred from the Cradle Roll to the Beginners' Department of the Sunday School, where they are taught by devoted teachers the things which a Christian ought to know and believe to their soul's health; and to lead a godly and Christian life.

Dear mothers, of all that you are trying to do for your children nothing surpasses in importance the significance of this little Red Box. For it lays the foundation of Christian character in the baby, and may save you, as well as the grown-up child, many a heartache and much unhappiness. Remember that a baby is absorbing the good as well as the bad, like a sponge, which does not discriminate between clear and muddy water. Do not underestimate the baby's capacity for good and evil. Do not think that the baby is too young to know and understand. The baby absorbs the surrounding atmosphere. By teaching the baby the Christian religion of service, of unselfishness, of love for God and neighbor, of giving to a good cause, you are storing up for him or her a life of joy, a life of happiness, not only here but hereafter, and for yourself deep satisfaction and source of delight. Do not despise the little Red Box.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following is the annual Roll of Honor of the members of our Sunday School who have distinguished themselves in their Lenten Offerings for Missions.

To our way of thinking it is the highest kind of honor, because it is earned by giving, and giving to the best possible cause in the world, that of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ among men and women and children.

The names are given in order of distinction. If an error or an omission has crept into this list, we ask the co-operation of all concerned to correct it:

Joseph Snodgrass, Eleanor Martin, Helen Corriston, Edmund Freeborn, Walter Yeager, Rebecca Black, Olga Jacobson, Dorothy Nuspikel, Halftan Pedersen, Jennie Tietz, Frederick Becker, Richard Lang, Harold Bond, Walter Poe, Mary Schwendemann, Ruth Schwendemann, Arthur Millington, Myrtle Maharg, Ralph Luff, Virginia McGowan, Wm. Crowley, Stanley Luff, Ruth McKinley, Beatrice Jones, Wm. Honeyford, Howard Luff, Thomas Moffett, Margaret Clemens, George Davis, Alva McMonigle, Abigail Annesley, Bernard Hjorth, James Mehaffey, Annie M. Crowley, Elizabeth Clemens, Theresa Foster, Norman Griess, Henry Herbsleb, Wilbur Arndt, Eleanor Seiger, John Jacobson, Margaret Wambach, Anna May McClatchey, Florence Bingham, Thelma Cook, Elmer Brown, Irene Cook, Mary Carswell, Wm. Brown, Elmer Sutters, Raymond

Mackay, William Kirland, John Ahlers, Carrie Gustafson, Katherine Kirland, Harry Stitler, Elizabeth Barton, Wm. Schada, Maud James, Alice Motson, Jennie Wambach, Anna Frederickson, Isabella Kirland, Ida M. Stitler, Harry Mehaffey, Raymond Nelson, Raymond Dittes, Clara Kaufmann, Elizabeth Birney, Edward Clemens, Marion Chew, James Birney, Paul Wurst, Catherine Ralston, Charles Gustafson, Harry Gustafson, Wm. James, Doris Campbell, Wm. Thompson, Henry Hjorth, Florence Clews, Mary Stott, Doris Blodgett, William Wurst, Evelyn Corriston, Daniel Knauss, Julia Clemens, Howard Campbell, Elmer Kern, Elizabeth Herbsleb, Harold Kern, Martin Erickson, Lydia Enders, Marie Saybolt, Marie Ralston, Emma Toomey, Gertrude Peters, Sidney James, Margaret Birney, Jennie Stott, Doris Dames, Edith Collins, Violet Keller, Russell Kern, Francis Keller, Francis Morris, Ruth Wark, Lillian Johnson, Rose Toomey, Thomas Ahlers, Raymond Stott, Katherine Wurst, William Sing, Chrystal Goudge, Frederick Roller, Walter Saybolt, Hannah Carpenter, George Bartle, Gladys Tustin, Katherine Toomey, Hazel Kern, Beatrice Hagey, Christian Losch, Viola Swift, John Morris, Martha Martin, John Carswell, Edward Joos, Esther Tate, Charles Stott, Edward Shannon, Edith Tasker, Charles Anderson, Katherine Losch, Margaret Morris, Alvin Ahlers, Martha Saybolt, Harry Peters, John Bartle, Margaret Bartle, Harry Heinback, Chas. Goudge, Elwood Schada, Katherine Hall, Madeline Hall, Allen Barringer, Arthur Koenig, Howard Koenig, Viola Kirchner, Lillian Tasker, Valeria Wark, Clarence Hagey, Lena Wurst, Alice Cardwell Clara Hall, Mildred Morris, Dorothy Layer, Emma Perkin, Laura Morris, Rose Newman.

We do not think there is anywhere a finer kind of boys and girls, who make up a Sunday School, than those of St. George's Parish. Indeed, we are tempted to think that in point of character we are just a little ahead of some others. But, of course, it is not Christian to boast.

The Special Easter offerings are as follows:

Congregation	$143.43
Women's Guild	115.00
Mrs. Weldon (for roof)	5.00
Girls' Friendly Society	13.00
G. F. S. Candidates	5.00
Friday Night Sewing Circle	10.00
Athletic Association	10.00
Troop 60, Boy Scouts	10 00
Mrs. Poe's S. S. Beginners.	14.00
Miss Davidson's S. S. Class	5.00
Miss Wark's S. S. Class	5.00
Mr. McKinley's S. S Class.	7.00
Total	$342.43

Sunday School Lenten offering for Missions:

Main Department	$54.72
Primary Department	61.05
Beginners	41.31
Total	$162.08

Our people are to be congratulated upon this good showing. Although it is not as large as last year, it must be remembered that the regular weekly subscriptions have greatly increased, and that we are better off financially than ever before.

On the other hand, the heating and lighting expenses have almost doubled within the last three years.

Oh, what a fine thing it is when all people are equally loyal! We do not mean *giving* equally. This is unreasonable to expect. People are not all equally able. But they can be equally loyal. Loyalty of the people does more for the Church than all the money raised by entertainments to keep the Church from becoming a beggar.

The Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, will officiate and preach in St. George's Church Sunday morning, May 13, at 10.30 o'clock.

This is a great spiritual treat to our people. As we have no broadcasting instrument in St. George's, those who wish to receive the benefit of Dr. Tomkins' sermon will do well to come to Church. Besides, it does a person good to meet him.

Between the annual conventions of the whole Diocese there are district assemblies, or convocations, which meet quarterly for the purpose of furthering the missionary work of our Church within the Diocese. A Diocese is a given territory over which a Bishop presides. He is the superintendent of our Churches within that territory. A Convocation is a section of that territory, and when it holds its quarterly meetings, it is presided over by a Dean. There are six Convocations in our Diocese. We belong to the North Philadelphia Convocation. It is composed of over thirty parishes and missions, and it meets quarterly at different parishes. Each parish sends as delegates the rector and three laymen, and each mission sends as delegates the missionary in charge and the warden.

While this Convocation is in session there is also a meeting held by the Women's Aid to the Convocation, which is composed of women delegates from the parishes and missions.

These two bodies are going to hold their sessions in St. George's Church, Tuesday, May 8. The Women's Aid will open its session at 3.30, and the Convocation at 5 P. M. Supper will be served at 6.30, during which our Parish Orchestra will entertain the guests with a well-chosen program. Addresses will then be made by several missionaries.

We feel highly honored by the choice of the Convocation to meet at St. George's Mission.

Ascension Day falls this year on Thursday, May 10. It is a red letter day in our Church year, and is observed throughout the land by a solemn Church service. We shall hold this service in the evening at 8 o'clock (Daylight Saving) with special appropriate music, and you are invited to participate in it.

The Women's United Thankoffering presented by the women of this Diocese at the service held at St. James' Church, 22nd and Walnut streets, Thursday morning, April 26, amounted to over $11,500, to which our women contributed $19.50.

Remember that an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound

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BAPTISMS

No.
1195, April 1, Florence Carlson
1196, " 1, Phillip Carlille
1197, " 1, Elizabeth Perry
1198, " 22, Caroline Emma Armstrong
1199, " 22, Elizabeth Katherine Armstrong

MARRIAGES

No.
214, April 21, { Ernest G. Eckbold / Emma Bohnenberger
215, May 2, { Paul R. Beck / Evangeline Tasso

BURIALS

No.
544, April 25, Florence Mary Schaffer

of cure. It is because we believe that the body should be kept in health as well as the soul that we give so much space to these simple and wholesome directions. We trust you do not despise them.

(*Continued from the last issue.*)

Drugs that give you the habit of taking them over and over are poisons. Some of these drugs are cocaine, heroin, alcohol, opium and acetanilid. Many patent medicines contain such drugs and are very dangerous. It is better not to use any patent drinks sold at soda fountains and patent medicines; not much, if any, tea or coffee.

They err who think that strong drink gives strength to the body. It only deadens the tired feeling, and does not really take it away. Those who use alcoholic drinks are less able to keep away sickness.

Smoking is injurious. Athletes find it makes them short of "wind." It dulls the brain. If you smoke at all, do so in moderation and do not "inhale."

Keep clean and avoid "catching" diseases. Germs are almost everywhere, but they will rarely hurt you if you are well and strong. These germs may make you sick when you are tired, or not well. In this case it is better to stay away from crowds in time of colds or grippe.

A person who is tired or weak is liable to "catch" all sorts of diseases.

Keep mosquitoes and flies out of the house.

Boil the drinking water if you doubt its purity.

Be sure to clean your teeth, tongue and gums thoroughly each night and morning, and, if possible, after each meal also. Fruit, especially apples, after a meal are good mouth and tooth cleaners.

Bathe often. Always wash your hands before eating.

(*To be concluded in the next issue*)

The work of the Young People's Fellowship during the past month has been especially interesting. The Apron Social, which took place April 13th, was a great success, both financially and socially, netting the treasury a profit of $10.50. The courtesy of the Parish Orchestra is very much appreciated.

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The evening of April 20th was taken up by a regular debate on the question: "Resolved, That Labor Unions are beneficial to the workingman." Both sides contested ably, but the judges decided that the negative side handled its arguments more skilfully.

On April 25th it was a great pleasure to listen to an address on "Individual Thinking," by Mr. Patrick M. Malin, student and leader of the Christian Association at the University of Pennsylvania. At the end of the address Mr. Malin answered some interesting questions of some in the audience. It was a delightful evening.

On May 9th the Fellowship will act as host at a grand reception and entertainment given to the young people of the parish and their friends, who will be the guests of the evening.

The following placed flowers on the altar on Easter Day: Mrs. Slocum, in memory of mother and sister. Mrs. Harry Arndt, in memory of Olive Brown and Harry Arndt. Mrs. Abrahamson, in memory of her daughter Elizabeth. Mrs. Moore, in memory of her son. Mrs. Millington, in memory of her husband and father. The sisters of Margaret Wittemberger, in her memory.

"Blessed are those who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors."

Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, was literally packed with delegates from the Sunday Schools of the Diocese on Sunday afternoon, April 29th, at 4 P. M., when the Lenten Offerings were presented. The offering of the children this year will exceed $62,000. Our Sunday School gave $162.08. It is good to have a share in the great missionary work of the Church.

JUNIOR MARINE CORPS

On April 16 our Chaplain, Rev. A. J. Arkin, reviewed the company. The behavior and drill on that evening were excellent. Ice cream and cake were served after the review.

Lieut. Olaff Peterson is preparing the boys on target range for competitive shooting in the near future. New boys are welcome to enlist any Monday evening at 7.30. To attend camp this summer boys must be members of this company before May 21st. There are at present 41 boys on the roll.

The Girls' Friendly Society had a very pleasant visit from Miss Neilson, accompanied by her sister, April 30th. The subject of her address was the work of the G. F. S. It was an evening profitably and delightfully spent.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

About sixty children of the Kindergarten enjoyed an egg hunt and Easter party in Easter week under the guidance of their teacher, Miss Ott. Miss Ott is also the president of the Mothers' Guild, an organization which grew out of the Kindergarten. The Kindergarten children are to give a concert early in June, to which the mothers are looking forward.

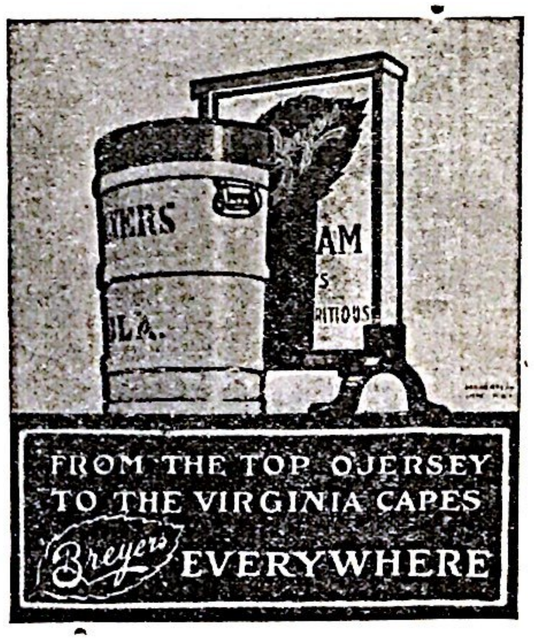
The Mothers' Guild made and gave the Junior Choir their vestments, which are very becoming and beautiful. Their Easter offering

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from the sale of Easter eggs amounted to $13.00.

On May 2nd Mrs. May Barnett and Mrs. Carrie Brenner will celebrate their birthdays by entertaining the Guild, according to the usual custom of the Guild members.

We congratulate the Guild on their good work for the Chapel, a work which is an everlasting testimony to the fine character of our women.

The Rev. Mr. Fulforth, rector of the Messiah, will administer Holy Communion the second Sunday, May 13, at 10.30 A. M. (Daylight Saving), not 10.45, but 10.30 sharp.

Christian Endeavor will meet at 6.45 P. M. Evening Prayer at 7.30 P. M.

MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 13

Appropriate services will mark the evening of Mother's Day, when many of the children will speak. All who love their mother are asked to be present.

Children's Day will be observed Sunday evening, June 10th, at 6.30 P. M. On and after June 17, the Sunday School will assemble before the morning service, as has been the custom during the summer months.

Mr. William J. Bieber has been appointed to the Advisory Board and gives promise of a willing and substantial worker.

We are glad to have Miss Irene Gerlach for our organist and welcome her to her new duties.

Depositors in the Fuel Savings Fund who have not received new deposit books, kindly see Mr. Kilpatrick immediately in order that he may check up this Fund. Mr. Kilpatrick refuses to be responsible for any discrepancies which crept in before his receivership, unless brought to his attention before June 1st, 1923.

This year's Easter offering surpasses all records. The Sunday School Lenten offering amounted to $93.89; the Special Easter envelopes of the congregation, $50.15, and the Easter evening plate collection, $21.52. This is a fine showing.

The Boys' Club, in charge of Mr. Prevost, meets Monday evenings at 8 o'clock. The Mothers' Guild, under the leadership of Miss Ott, meets on Tuesday evenings, and the Young People's Social Club, under Mr. Frank Hinke's supervision, meets on Friday evenings. We are hoping that a Girls' Friendly Society will soon be started.

The new Bible is the gift of Mr. Lewis D. Ziegler. The new benches, kneeling stools, Litany desk, etc., are the gift of St. Philip's Church, West Philadelphia. We all extend thanks to the donors.

We are also grateful to the friends of the Mission who donated the Easter eggs for the Sunday School.

PARISH HOUSE

Plans for the new Parish House are being considered by the Board of Missions for action. At present many of our good people are selling moving picture tickets for the Carman Theatre, Germantown, above Allegheny avenue. If you are a movie-goer, please patronize the Chapel and avoid standing in line for tickets. The tickets are at the regular price, twenty-five cents, and will be honored until September 1st.

The Chapel has chartered the Queen Anne for an excursion to Island Beach, Thursday, June 28 The boats will leave Allegheny Avenue Wharf 8 A. M. and at 12 noon; and Market Street Wharf, Pier 3 North, at 1 P. M. Returning, boats will leave Island Beach at 5.30 P. M. and 9 P. M. In case of rain, another date will be chosen and the tickets will be good at that time. Please keep the date open.

The Parish House will cost $4,000, and calls for a great amount of effort and work for all. We are hoping that this building will be erected during June, 1923.

WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO?

A. J. K.

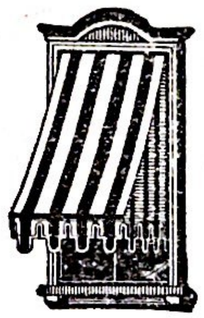
It is encouraging to listen to the fourteen new additional young voices added to the choir through the efforts of Miss Katherine C. Coulter and Miss Gerlach.

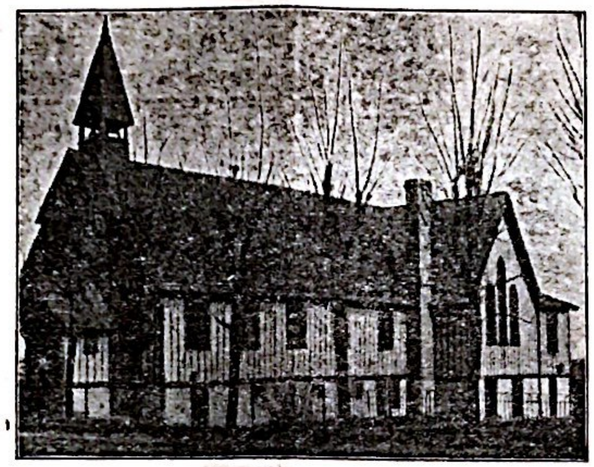
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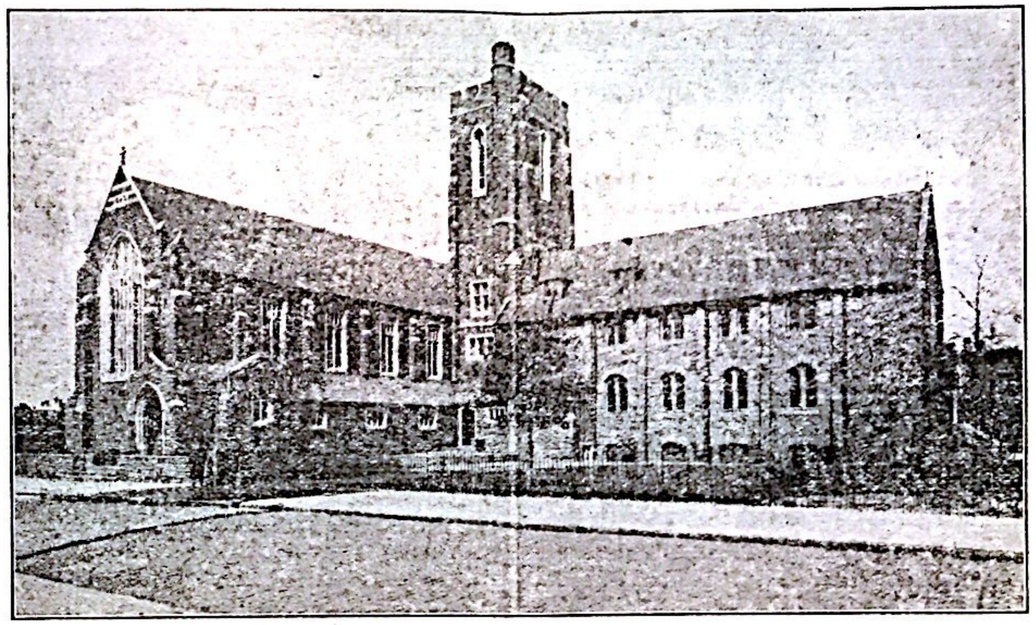
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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a day of memories; memories which we wish to retain and perpetuate; memories of heroic deeds, of unselfish acts, of great accomplishments at great sacrifice; memories which we love to dwell upon and delight in; memories which swell our hearts with holy pride and urge us on to high endeavor; memories which enrich our lives with the joy of living. For such as these is Memorial Day.

There are other memories; memories of sordid and selfish deeds, of cowardice, of sinful acts, of abuse of privilege, of indifference to the call of duty, of ignoble adventure, of neglect of opportunity to do good; memories of which we are ashamed. These memories we like to forget; we wish to cast them into oblivion as things unpleasant to look at. They are the skeleton in the closet which we like to seal up never to be opened. Memorial day for such as these is unthinkable.

But Memorial Day is an expression of our belief in "the Communion of Saints;" bearing witness to the eternal fellowship of those who had done well in the past and those who appreciate and honor them therefor in the present. For those who love and honor great men and women, past or present, and cherish their memories for their good and noble deeds, are themselves good and noble and great. They all belong to the same fellowship, "the Communion of Saints." Memorial Day, therefore, is a great day in the civic calendar.

Is it not wonderful that while the human body (we are told by those who know) changes every seven years, memory remains the same? It is as if the building were replaced by another building every seven years while the tenant remains the same. For this tenant whom for convenience sake we call Personality, or Spirit, or Soul (for name does not matter), can remember in old age the experiences of childhood. The house changes but he who dwells therein remains the same And though closely attached to the house the dweller lives independently of it. The house is dissolved in time, and loses its indenity because it is material, but the Soul which dwells therein remains, and retains its identity because it is spiritual. Throughout life on earth the body is the instrument of the soul; it is the medium through which the soul gives outward expression; but the body need not be its only medium. When the soul conceives a beautiful idea, coming from the great source of beauty, and wisdom, and love, it may find expression through a variety of mediums. It may show itself in the movements of the body in which the soul dwells which we call conduct. Or it may find itself in print, prose or poetry, or in painting, or in music, or on the stage, or on the screen, or through other instruments. The instruments may be many and may vary, but the idea is the same. The instruments may dissolve in time; books may be worm eaten, painting may fade, musical instruments may be broken, song may cease in death, but the idea remains, and the soul which conceives the idea remains, because the material is temporal, but the spiritual is eternal.. "For we know that if the earthly house of our bodily frame be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens." (2 Cor. 5:1.)

On Memorial Day all that is material fades away into that which is spiritual. Race, color, circumstance, geographical location all these are lost in sweet memory of deeds of sacrifice and heroism for the right, for liberty and for truth. May we learn also from Memorial Day the lesson of hope that is in the immortality of the soul

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A GHOSTLY EXPERIENCE

It was on a Monday, late in the afternoon, when the sexton entered the Church. It was unusually quiet, and the approaching twilight seemed to deepen the awful stillness until the silence seemed to become audible. A strange feeling took possession of the sexton, like the presence of beings unseen, and he thought he heard voices inaudible. And just as he began to think it a trick of fancy he heard clearly a plaintive voice coming from the back of a pew about the middle of the Church. It was so human like that he ventured to follow it until he came to a book-rack where he found a Prayer Book wide open with a partly torn leaf, and with body distorted, jammed in "any-old-way" into the rack whence the painful voice came. It was the Prayer Book which complained. It seemed to say: "Have pity on me, sir. Some careless worshipper has thrust me into this painful position, and I have been in agony all this time. Some people think that we books have no feelings or self-respect. But see how I suffer not only pain but humiliation also. You know I am considered by all learned persons the greatest book next to the Bible. My name is The Book of Common Prayer. My pages are filled with Scripture and prayers of the saints of the ages. I have been a source of solace and comfort in trouble and a source of joy and delight in prosperity to millions of the finest souls I am still used by more than thirty millions, because I contain the living Word for the yearning soul. But some people do not appreciate me and my fellows, and they treat us as things worthless, to be cast about in any old way, and to be scribbled upon, to disfigure us, without a thought that they are hurting their best friend, and debase themselves, simply because . . . . ."

The sexton waited no longer. He picked up the injured Prayer Book very gently and reverently; straightened out its leaves, put it in order and placed it right side up in the book-rack, and as he turned to go he thought he heard the sweet voice say, "Thank you."

On entering the Parish House he saw a Prayer Book ruthlessly stuck in, and almost transfixed between two boards of the piano frame, for the convenience of the player a night before. The sexton immediately rushed to its rescue. Took it out from the vice in which it was held prostrate; replaced it with a folded newspaper, which answered

the same purpose, and treated this Prayer Book in the same way he did the one in the Church. And again he thought he heard, "Thank you."

Thoughtfulness and a right sense of appreciation will make us all as gentle in the treatment of books as was that good sexton; especially in the treatment of books of devotion.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

All who attended the Convocation meeting at St. George's, May the 8th, were very much impressed by the kind of hospitality and fine arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates made by our Women's Guild assisted by the members of the Girls' Friendly Society.

A great feature was the music furnished during supper by the St. George's Parish Orchestra.

The speakers of the evening were the Rev. Mr. Stockman, Rev. Mr. White, Miss Washburn and the Rev. Mr. Austin. Dean Levis presided.

The House party given by Mrs. Barringer at her home for the benefit of the Church, May 15, was a great success socially and gave to the Church the sum of $22 75. Such parties ought to be encouraged by our parishioners. Their benefits are manifold.

Miss Elva Bryan gave a surprise party at her home in honor of Miss Thora Pedersen, one of our faithfull young ladies, Saturday evening, May 5th, in the presence of a host of her friends It was a very pleasant party.

Another fine thing in the social life of our young ladies was a surprise party given by our Girls' Friendly Society, Monday evening, May 21, in honor of Miss Marie Olson, a member of the Society, at the home of Mrs. Ross, Secretary of our Girls' Friendly Society Branch. It was a very enjoyable evening to all who were present.

OUR ANNUAL EXCURSION

We should make this Excursion the greatest in the history of St. George's Church. The way to make it is to get all our people to go. Let us make it a great reunion party, a sort of a feast day, a St. George's Day. Surely St. George's deserves a day like this Let us make it a St. George's Day on which we may rejoice in the company of our friends. We are going to Augustine Beach. The place and the transportation facilities, the Steamer Thomas Clyde, are quite suitable for our purpose. It provides comfortable accommodations and plenty of entertainment. If possible, we may get our Orchestra to go with us, and add to the entertainment on the boat. The ticket is only 60 cents for the round trip for adults and 30 cents for children. We leave Allegheny Avenue Wharf at 8 A. M. Daylight Saving time and return about the same hour in the evening. The boat is waiting for us at both ends and there is no anxious crowding. The bathing beach is perfectly safe where we can have a good salt water or sea bath

We have been always favored by a clear day, and we trust that our prayers for a fine day will be answered this time also.

Let us begin now to make up our family parties with baskets full of good things with thanksgiving to Him who giveth them, and let us be in time and ready at Allegheny Avenue Wharf at 8 o'clock, not later, on the morning of July the 26th.

At a recent meeting of our Sunday School Teachers it was unanimously decided that a Sunday School Scholars Picnic be arranged for our scholars at Cornelius Park, Saturday, June 23rd. The automobile trucks will start from the Parish House at 9 o'clock in the morning, Daylight Saving time. Ticket for the round trip 15 cents.

CHILDREN'S DAY

This great day comes on the second Sunday, June 10; and it is going to be a great day in our Sunday School. A fine program has been arranged by Miss Marion Clews and other teachers in which many of the scholars of the various departments will take part. There will also be special music. The service will begin at 2 o'clock Daylight Saving time. Give up your other engagements and come to the Children's Day Service, the best engagement parents and friends will do well to keep.

A lawn Fete will be given by the Girls' Friendly Society of the Diocese on the Manheim Cricket Club grounds, Germantown, Saturday, June 2, for the purpose of raising a fund to defray Girls' Friendly Society Diocesan expenses, and to pay for one Bryn Mawr Summer School scholarship to be awarded this year to one of the Girls' Friendly Society members.

A Garden Party and Fair will be given by the Women's Aid of the North Philadelphia Convocation, for the benefit of St. Nathaniel's and other Missions, at "Wyck," the colonial home and garden of Mr. Casper Wister Haines, 6026 Germantown avenue, corner Walnut Lane, Thursday, June 7th, 2 to 8 P. M. There will be music, supper and entertainment. Admission fee is 25 cents.

It goes without saying that music is a great factor in the joy of life. Our Parish Orchestra, though yet in its infancy, has already demonstrated the truth of the above statement. It is, therefore, our fond hope that this Orchestra will grow and become a permanent institution of this Church. This can be done by continuous recruiting from the ranks of our boys and girls who would take up and learn to play the various instruments which make up a well balanced orchestra. Such instruments as flute, piccolo, clarinet, cello, bass viol, viola, French horn, oboe, bassoon and kettledrums. These are all very important parts of an orchestra, and when well handled produce most beautiful music. Parents should study the musical talents of their boys and girls and give them all the help and encouragement in that line of recreation. Our Orchestra is an excellent opportunity not to be slighted, but to be given serious attention.

What is true of the Orchestra is

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BAPTISMS

No.
1200, May 4, Ruth Martha Emerick
1201, " 6, Betty Doris Paget
1202, " 6, Harry Victor Weise
1203, " 13, Pearl Elizabeth James
1204, " 20, June Williams
1205, " 27, Dolorls May Zawacki

MARRIAGES

No.
216, May 29, { Henry F. Hare / Kathryn Wambach
217, May 30, { George R. Jackson / Nella Miller

also true of the choir. A musical talent should be regarded as the gift of God, to be cultivated and used to His glory and the joy of our neighbors.

Here is an incident of some interest to our readers:

A twelve year old boy, by name Matthew Malopolski, riding a bicycle not far from here, saw a big truck, driven by a reckless driver, run over and kill a two year old girl playing on the curb. When the boy saw that the driver instead of stopping put on more speed, he made after him on his bicycle calling on the driver to stop, in spite of the driver's threats. Once the boy fell off the bicycle, but renewed his efforts, and when after a race of four squares he caught up with the driver and told him what he had done, and before the driver ran away out of his sight the boy memorized the number of the license on the truck, and reported the case at the police station.

The driver was thus traced and brought to court. The judge commended the boy in the following words: "If there were more boys with your nerve and brains to do this kind of thing, speeders would not get off so easy. You're a bright, good boy, and your parents should be proud of you." The boy, Matthew Malopolski, said: "I just did what I thought was right."

The peculiar interest which this incident has for us is that this boy, Matthew Malopolski, is a member of the school of Polish children who holds its daily sessions in the basement of St. George's Parish House, and belongs to the Polish congregation which worships temporarily in a hall on the second floor of St. George's Parish House. We also regret deeply the death of the baby of this congregation

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Do not despise a remedy for sickness, or a preventive of sickness simply because it is simple. The rules of health which we quoted in previous issues of THE VISITOR and with which we conclude in the following are all very simple, but if observed go to save a lot of trouble:

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To be healthy and happy we must work, but we should also rest and play. Those who do hard physical work all day should play simple games, like checkers, or cards, to work their minds. This will let the tired muscles rest. (One can play cards without gambling.) Read good newspapers and books. Tell jokes and stories. Laughter is very healthy. When you come tired out, lie down. Even fifteen minutes rest or sleep will refresh you greatly, especially before eating.

If you have been sitting in an office all day your body needs exercise. Walk, saw wood, shovel snow, throw a baseball, wrestle or box. If your eyes hurt, see a doctor. If you need glasses go to the best optician within your means. When your play seems like work, stop it. Sleep all you need. If possible, walk fifteen minutes outdoors before going to bed. Do not eat heavily or read exciting stories just before you go to bed.

Do not worry before you go to bed. If you cannot sleep at first, breathe deeply and slowly, take a lukewarm bath, or drink a glass of warm milk.

Be cheerful, and learn not to worry. The mind has a strong effect on the health of the body. A fit of anger, or a spell of worry, or envy, or hate, or jealously may make you more tired than a day's work. Try to drive out the thoughts that make you unhappy by thoughts that make you happy. Say, "forget it." You may learn this just as you learn to read and write, or ride a bicycle, or to skate. Do not work hard trying to be healthy. Lay down certain rules and follow them the best you can until you get used to doing them.

Start to your work a little earlier in the morning and take your time. You will work better. Take your time going home. You will eat and sleep better and be happier the next day.

We must not want things so hard as to strain our minds and bodies to get them. Take your life and your work cheerfully. So doing you will get more of the things you want. Almost any one can do this, if he makes up his mind to do this.

Every man and woman should be a regular contributor to the work of the Church within his or her means, no matter how young, or how old, he or she may be. There is no age limit to doing well. By practice you can learn to give, just as you learn to read and write, or swim, or any other pleasurable and profitable exercise. He who has not learned the pleasure of giving to a good cause misses a lot.

On Monday, May 14th, Maj. A. J. Drexel Biddle, in company with Col. Wm. R. Nicholson and Maj H. D. Jones, visited our company of Junior Marines for review and inspection in the presence also of some of the parents of the boys.

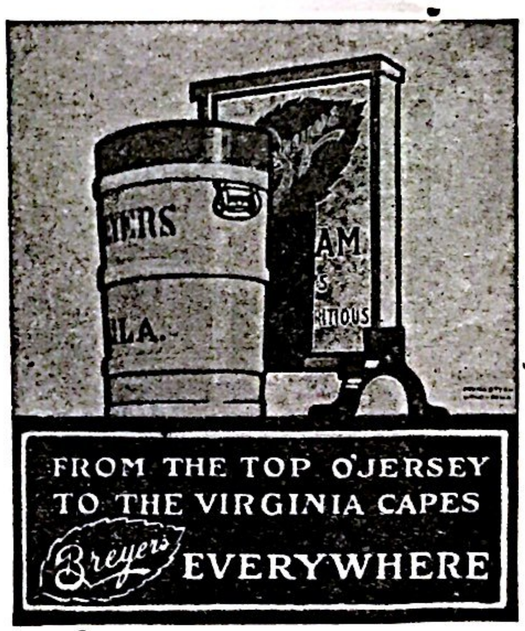
These commanding officers were highly pleased with the drill, discipline and target practice of the company. At the recommendation of Commander Maj. Biddle, Col. Nicholson conferred the rank of Major upon the Chaplain of the Company, Rev. A. J. Arkin The company is under the immediate charge of Capt. Halftan Pedersen and Lieut. Olaf Peterson.

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At the big Memorial celebration, Sunday, May 27, the Junior Marines were the only boys in the parade and received high commendation for order from the marshal.

The company's camp this year will be the finest and best.

The electric Sign over the Parish House entrance looks much better since Mr. Alfred Allison kindly painted it.

The Church really needs the help of our skilled men, and we trust that they will give their immediate attention to the two or three doors the appearance of which they could greatly improve.

On Saturday, May 26th, Maj. A. J. Drexel Biddle gave a magnificent picnic to Valley Forge to the Social Service workers. There were 78 in the company. The most enjoyable day closed with a twilight service in the open led by Dr. Tomkins.

CHAPEL (VENANGO) NEWS

Our people will be glad to know that our pastor, Mr. A. J. Kilpatrick, has been solemnly ordained to the Diaconate in the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary's, Sunday morning, May 27th The prayers of the people are asked that God may bless his missionary work, and that he may enjoy the co-operation of all the people among whom he is working.

Our Annual Excursion will take place on Thursday, June 28, on the chartered steamer, Queen Ann, to Island Beach. The round trip ticket is 50 cents for adults and 35 for children. The steamer will leave Allegheny Avenue Wharf at 8 A. M. and at 12 noon. Returning, boat leaves Island Beach at 5.30 P. M. for Allegheny Avenue Wharf and at 9.30 P. M. for Pier No. 3, first north of Market and does not stop at Allegheny Avenue Wharf. Tickets can be secured from the Secretary at any time. The Secretary is Mr. Bernard Karcher, 3580 Richmond street. He also has amusement tickets for sale which should be bought from him before entering the park.

The second Sunday, June 10th, is Children's Day which will be celebrated by our Sunday School at 2.30 P. M. All parents are invited. After that Sunday there will be only one service at 10.30 A M. And the Main Department of the Sunday School will hold its sessions at 9.30 A. M. This will continue until the first Sunday in September.

The celebration of Mother's Day was a great success in the little Chapel with an attendance of thirty-eight adults and seventy-five children. We all appreciate the efforts of Miss Elna Gustafson in the training of these children.

The Ladies' Aid will have a rummage sale in the Chapel basement beginning on Wednesday, June 6th, at 2.30 P M. We shall be glad to receive things for sale.

The Boys' Club which meets on Monday evening will add another feature to their activities, that of nature study which will involve some hiking. The Club gave to the Church $2, the receipt of which the Treasurer wishes to acknowledge.

A Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was organized on May the 16th, under the guidance of Mrs. Read with a charter membership of twenty-three. This is a good beginning, and we hope that this organization will keep up the good work.

The Christian Endeavor has adjourned its meetings until the beginning of September. It was a very helpful and profitable season of Christian endeavor by the band of young people under the leadership of Miss Elna Gustafson.

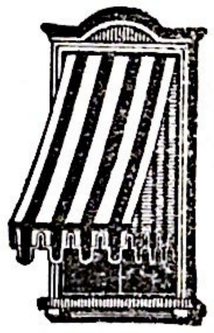
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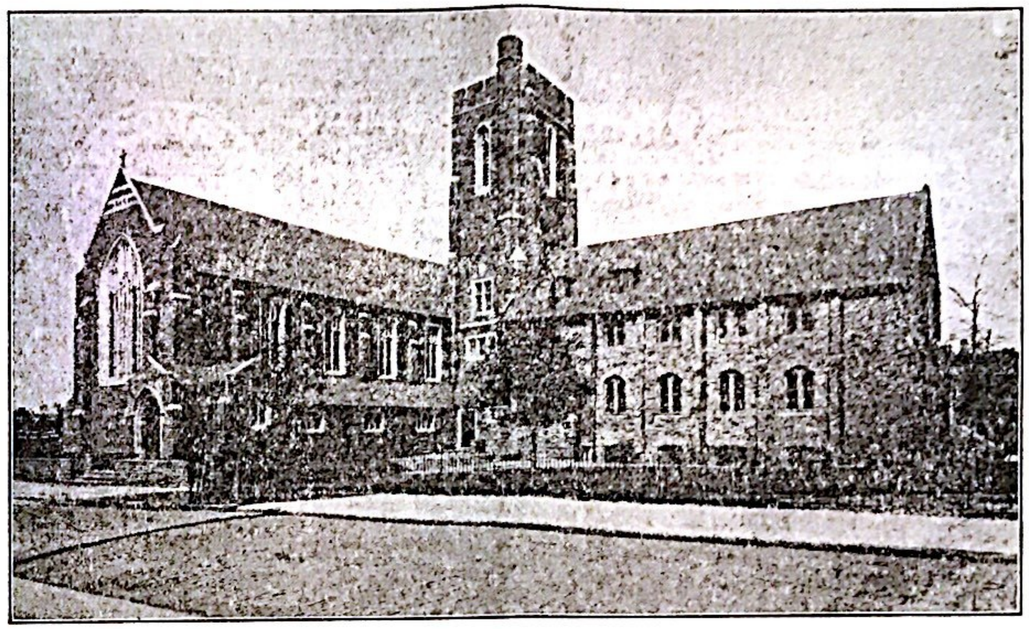
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OUR EXCURSION

From all indications it looks as if our Excursion this year, July 26th, is going to be the best, best in accommodation, enjoyment and entertainment.

One of the accommodations is a cheaper fare; only 30 cents each way for adults and 15 cents each way for children; little ones free.

Another accommodation is the new Allegheny Avenue Wharf just finished insuring ease and safety of landing.

The big Thomas Clyde waits for us both going and coming, and there is no rushing and crushing and pushing. It is the most convenient outing for families with children of all sizes especially those in baby carriages.

We leave the wharf at 8 A. M. and return to it at 8 P. M., in daylight.

The river ride down the river to Augustine Beach is pleasant and full of interest. The boat is commodious and affords entertainment and fun for people of all ages. The grove on the beach is fine for lunch picnic, and the bathing is excellent. So much for things.

But there is something more excellent even than these which St. George's Excursion affords all who join it. It is renewal of acquaintance and friendship. It is a common meeting ground for old and new friends; a sort of annual reunion; and the spirit of fellowship among friends and guests around the festive picnic table is as sweet and enjoyable as the things which are on the table; even sweeter.

Then there is the program of sports by the young people, and prizes for various contests, and the fun on the return trip, and when we get to our homes, in very good time, we all feel that it was worth while, and that is a great deal.

We know of no Excursion which gives so much joy to children, even to those in baby carriages, without in the least marring the pleasure of others. We know of no excursion which gives so much pleasure to whole families, fathers, mothers and children, as does St. George's Excursion. It has been our aim to make our Excursion a family excursion, and we invite all our people to co-operate in this effort.

Our Guilds and Societies are urged to make their plans for that day. Begin to form your parties and the menu for the lunch basket. Tickets may be secured in advance at this office or from any of our people. Let every one of us strive to make this Excursion the best. Pray for suitable weather.

ANOTHER MILE-POST

The heading of this article should really express its moral, "Where There's Life, There's Hope." But as it is written for record-keeping, we call it "Another Mile-Post."

In the year of our Lord, 1901, a proposition of closing St. George's Mission as a failure was made. It looked reasonable. But the late Bishop Whitaker, like the faithful and patient gardener in our Lord's

parable of The Barren Fig-tree who pleaded with his master not to cut it down, but to try it another year, persuaded the Convocation to give St. George's Mission another chance. That was St. George's Chapel located on E. Venango and Edgemont streets; and it lived and grew for five years.

Then it was thought more profitable to move the work a mile away to Richmond, Indiana avenue and Livingston street, where St. George's Church and Parish House stand now, as shown on the front page of this paper.

In consequence thereof, in 1906, another proposition was made, which also looked reasonable, to close and give up the Mission in Venango. It was the Missionary then who pleaded not to give it up, but to give it another chance, volunteering to nurse it and keep it alive in connection with the work in Richmond. That is how two St. George's Missions came about. The Mission in Venango was thus kept alive and grew under faithful Lay-Readers and consecrated women workers and under the Missionary's supervision for 15 years more.

And because it did not grow fast enough, another proposition was made, which also looked reasonable, to close it up for good. Then the Missionary, by the grace of God, rose and pleaded that instead of closing it up, a clergyman should be sent there to devote all his time to the work in Venango independently of the work in Richmond. This was done this year, and Mr. A. J. Kilpatrick was ordained and commissioned to take charge of St. George's Chapel, Venango. This means a new life for St. George's Mission, Venango.

And for the information of all concerned, we received on June 13th, from Mr. Kilpatrick the following notice: "On the first Sunday of September, St. George's Chapel will put out the first of its own parish papers. There will be no material for the months of July and August." This is as we hoped it should be.

At this writing the daily newspapers have announced that Mrs. John Totty, the wife of the founder of the Mission in 1887, who recently departed to join her good and faithful husband in Paradise, has left with Bishop Rhinelander $1000 for the benefit of the Mission in Venango where she and her husband have worked together voluntarily many years in the past for the good of the people and to the glory of God.

When we think of all this, we are persuaded that after all it may be more truly said of the story of St. George's, "Where There's Hope, There's Life," instead of "Where There's Life, There's Hope."

Hereafter all affairs relating to St. George's, Venango, will be referred directly to the Rev. A. J. Kilpatrick whom we wish abundant success.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It may cheer our readers to know that the number of weddings, within one given period, at which your pastor officiated recently, has been unprecedented. It has been enough to make any pastor's heart happy. He regards this as a happy omen, though he is far from being super-

stitious. It is the best life insurance policy for any Christian congregation. We would say to our people to keep up the good work in the words of our Prayer Book: "reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God."

Another good sign of the times is the wonderful improvement in the quality of the Wedding Cake. In former days it was only good for to be put under the pillow and to be slept on for good luck. Now it is so tempting in taste that you cannot help eating it before nightfall.

The pastor is not given by nature to cake eating; but if these weddings continue to come, as he hopes they will, he is likely to develop an abnormal appetite for wedding cake, we trust for better not for worse.

Our Parish Orchestra is continuing its rehearsals led by Mr. Raymond King, and is making rapid progress in efficiency. Now and then a new instrument is being added as the membership grows.

We wonder if in these days of rush, and hard business pleasure, we shall ever get to the child-like fun of the Parish Orchestra serenading in appropriate fashion at the home of the newly married couples for a consideration of ice cream and cake, or a glass of lemonade?

What could not a Parish Orchestra do to make life richer in joy and good will! It can stimulate music and singing in the Sunday School and congregation. It can enliven interest in the social entertainments of the people. Christmas, Easter, New Year's mornings are its great opportunities in giving these days their proper meaning. There is untold good which a Parish Orchestra such as ours can do. We trust it will do.

Our Young People's Fellowship has adjourned its regular meetings the last Wednesday in June to the Second Wednesday in September. This adjournment was followed by a most interesting comedy staged by the young people and a delightful social entertainment. The Young People's Fellowship has made good its claims.

A Program Committee will be at work during the summer to draw up a tentative program of activities for the coming fall.

Special meetings will likely be held during the summer.

The Fellowship will also take part in the program of our Annual Excursion to Augustine Beach, July 26th, which promises much enjoyment.

As an intelligent working body of young people in the Parish the Young People's Fellowship is unsurpassed in effectiveness.

The candidates of the Girls' Friendly Society have closed their regular meetings for the summer Wednesday, June 20th. Nobody would wish for a livelier, more noisy and delightful in play, and more orderly in work and prayer, than this goodly company of fine girls.

Once you are among them you forget your age and your troubles anl your everything "and all;" and you think you are in the place which our Lord assigned to little children.

We often wonder why older people do not give to life and take from it so much joy as do these little children. Is it because of better sense; or more sin? The sin of selfishness, vanity, pride, vindictiveness, lack of charity and the like, will spoil any paradise. The story of the Fall in the Book of Genesis is a continuous performance.

My, but what a time we had Wednesday evening, June the 20th.

Doubtless many of our readers, and hosts of others, have listened to great sermons over the radio, which is indeed a blessing from God, calculated doubtless to bring backsliders into closer fellowship with the Church, to remind them that there is a Church where public worship is conducted, where the Word of God is read and preached, and where the Sacraments are administered.

We trust they will continue to listen, and be touched at the heart, and repent of their backsliding, and come to Holy Communion and join the congregation in public worship and in the prayers.

But great as those sermons over the radio are, we wish to quote to our readers a still greater one; not only to read it, but to learn and to digest it. The reason why we prefer to put it in print in THE VISITOR is because we wish you to cut it out and paste it in your Prayer Book, or put it in some other place to which you may easily revert often.

It is the greatest sermon the world has ever heard. It is called the Sermon on the Mount, and was preached by our Lord Himself. Here is the first part of it, as given in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 5:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

At the close of each reading you may use this Prayer: Grant unto me Thy Holy Spirit, O God, and enable me to obtain all these blessings, through Jesus Christ, my Lord. *Amen.*

Since the Woman's Guild has undertaken to look after the choir vestments there has been wrought a transformation in the handling and keeping of them that is simply marvelous. This is only another illustration of doing the impossible with a will. It is not so much, Can we do it? as it is, Will we do it? When we will, the thing is done.

This also applies to some of the necessary repairs needful about the Church, the painting of the flagpole, the preserving of our doors, the covering up of the heater with asbestos, etc., etc.

We are rich; if not in money we are rich in talent. I trust we shall

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BAPTISMS

No.		
1206,	June 3,	Myrtle Stott
1207,	" 3,	Emma Elizabeth Maneely
1208.	" 17,	Gladys May Olsen
1209,	" 17,	Eleanor Anna Olson
222,	June 16,	James O. Edwards Jennie L. Jacobs
223,	June 23,	Morris T. Cox Ethel E. Hannum
224,	June 23,	George Ford Ida May Sylvester

MARRIAGES

No.		
219,	June 6,	Andrew W. Saybolt Marie L. Cummings
220,	June 6,	Charles W. Smith Amanda E. Hetrick
221,	June 14,	Henry C. Ranken Gertrude E. Voudy

BURIALS

No.		
545,	June 2,	Alice Pesot
546,	" 12,	Lillian M. Olsen
547.	" 23,	Wm. Penn Schlecht

be rich also in good will which is riches indeed.

For many years we felt that our Sunday School Picnic, and all that goes with it, seemed to have been lost more or less in our Annual Excursion. While this Annual Excursion has been the outgrowth of our Sunday School Picnic, it has had the tendency, as time went on, of obscuring in a way its own source. The feeling has been growing therefore among the teachers that our Sunday School scholars should have an old fashioned picnic of their own during the summer season. But a Sunday School Picnic is not an easy thing to undertake unless others are willing to help. When we will, the thing is done. Thus on Saturday, June 23, we had a real Sunday School Picnic in Cornelius Park, and teachers and pupils enjoyed themselves immensely; and we are all looking to the still greater event of the Annual Excursion to Augustine Beach, July 26, when we shall all enjoy not only the presence of the children, but the company also of their parents and friends and the baby brothers and sisters.

It was about 13 or 14 years ago that the pastor of St. George's Church conceived the idea of securing a public playground for the neighborhood. After some inquiries and solicitations it was agreed that the lot between Tulip and Memphis and Ann and Cambria streets was the logical location for the desired playground in that it was nearer Frankford avenue. The lot was accordingly secured. While waiting for the playground to appear, information reached the pastor that the Board of Education had succeeded in having the lot transferred to its department as a desirable lot for a public school. The change was

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not so serious, as a public school is even of more value to a community than a playground. Besides, there were other vacant lots not far away, and nearer the centre of Richmond, and which offered even a greater opportunity for a decent playground which the pastor was determined to secure in the face of opposition and difficulties. He succeeded.

Soon after, information came to the pastor that the Bureau of Education, after a survey of the district, had discovered that this neighborhood did not need any more public schools, and therefore put up the lot intended for a school to be sold at public auction, and the money realized from the sale of the lot to go towards raising the salaries of the teachers. The pastor pleaded with the then Superintendent of School, trying to show him that to give up the prospective school here would be a mistake. But he assured the pastor that the finding of experts who surveyed the district was in favor of selling the lot to the highest bidder. It was put up for sale. But thank God nobody bought it. In a year or so a complete change came over the Bureau of Education. It seems like providential. And to make the story short, they are now laying the foundation on that lot for a magnificent Junior High School. Quite naturally, the pastor's heart is filled with satisfaction every time he passes by the work now going on that lot.

In this connection it may be of some interest to our readers to know that hundreds of the children in this neighborhood have gotten only one half day's schooling throughout the last year or so for lack of room in the schools we have.

It might be a very interesting subject of research work for any one who cares to undertake it to ascertain the hidden causes for such strange happenings; and the unseen forces which bring about such wonderful changes.

We trust that our people will do their best not to allow the warm weather interfere with regular Church attendance

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We should like to suggest to our young people, and our people in general, the following question to be thought over carefully and honestly, namely, "Why should we not open the coming fall a young people's Bible Class?" Let us weigh this matter carefully, and argue the question within ourselves pro and con, and render decision early in September.

As in past years the pastor expects to be away on his vacation through the month of August. There will be no evening services during that month. The morning services will continue as usual.

Should there be any need of the ministrations of a clergyman during August, please communicate with Mr Harry Kaufmann, 3445 Frankford avenue. His phone is "Frankford 1169;" or with this office.

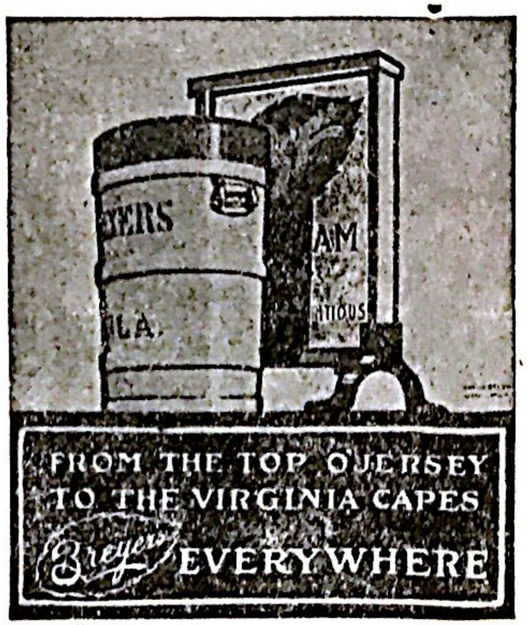
About twice a year we have the keen pleasure of being invited by our children and young people to share with them the joy of their graduation exercises in the various public schools; and we would not miss for anything in the world the

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opportunity of congratulating them on that solemn and happy occasion.

We ask all our people to join us in congratulating Miss Emma Perkin upon her graduation from the grammar school, and in wishing her success in her pursuit of a still higher education. She is an unusually bright girl, and we trust she will be able to enter high school.

On the evening of June 21 we witnessed with secret pride the stirring graduation exercises in the Northeast High School, because Master Harry Swinglehurst Mehaffey was one of the graduates. He is one of our faithful and promising young men, talented, clean cut, eager to occupy an honorable place in the world. If he follows the advice of Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, the speaker of the evening, and keeps within him alive the thrilling and buoyant spirit of that evening we are assured of his bright future.

On the evening of June 22 we witnessed the most beautiful graduation exercises in the Kensington High School, Miss Beulah A. Fenimore, Principal. You could not help know that you were in a Girls' High School, because it was beautiful; and we were thrice delighted, because three of our girls, the best type of American girls, were in the graduation class: Miss Ella May Rauch, Miss A. Mary Shore and Miss Alma M. Wark. Miss Wark was the Solo Voice in the antiphonal chanting of Psalm XXI, and Miss Shore was on the program for an Essay. These young ladies are all genuine Church girls who have a fine taste for Church work. They serve as teachers and choir members, and are in forefront of good work in the Church. They are of the same excellent type of womanhood as Harry Mehaffey is of manhood. We wish them all a happy future. They are bound to be happy if they continue their chosen path; and we all are glad and proud of them.

It is most remarkable that the dominant note of all the speakers on commencement day in schools and colleges, and in the essays read by students on graduation day, is that education is a means to an end, and that the end is character or life. The sincerity of this thought is unquestioned. It is the same thing whether you call it high ideal, service, unselfishness, being true to self, love, or the Golden Rule, it all has to do with religion. Human reason alone is not sufficient to enable a student to keep alive within the breast the spirit of high adventure carried away from commencement day. It requires continuous re-enforcement drawn from the spiritual reservoir of religion. Human character is fashioned by thought and imagination; not by things, but by ideas. Ideas are spiritual. Things do not know, do not feel, do not think, do not will; but a person is capable of all these. There are ugly souls in beautiful bodies; and there are beautiful souls in ugly bodies. But if you are spiritually discerning you may see where real beauty dwells. Everything has it source. There are earthly things, and there are heavenly things. "And as we have born the image the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." These are no empty words. God is the source of the heavenly, as light is the source of the sun. Upon this basis of civilization both the traditionalist and the evolutionist agree. It is something upon which every individual can safely build.

Memorial flowers were placed on the Altar as follows: May 6, by Altar Guild; May 20, by Mrs. Slocum in memory of mother and sister; June 3rd, by John McKinley; June 17, by mother in memory of Agnes Scott; and by Mrs. Charles S. Hinke in memory of her husband who died January 1st, 1923.

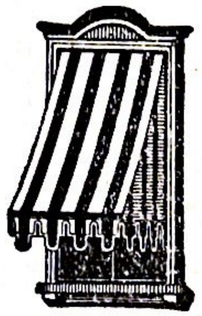
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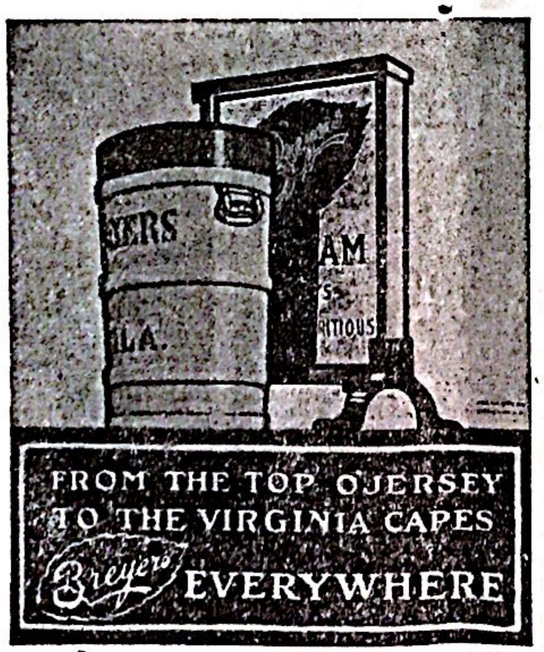


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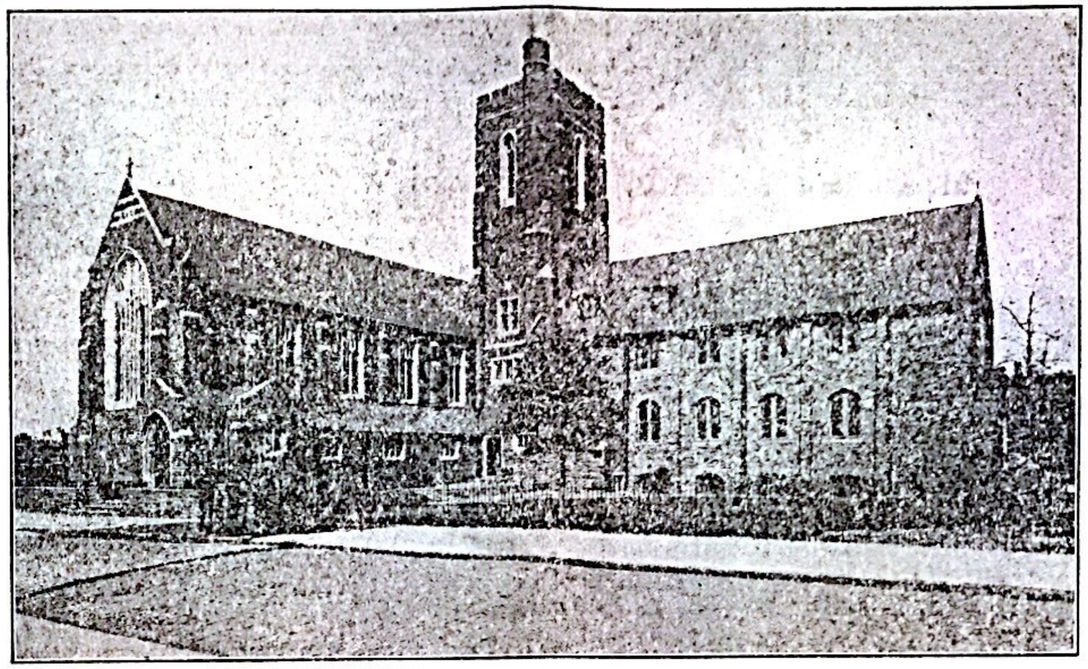
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A GENTLE WARNING

There is a Fable which has come down to us through the ages, like a nugget of gold, which we had read in our childhood, and which has remained engraved on our memory, never to be forgotten. It is about a hog and an oak-tree. An oak is a very substantial tree, standing well rooted and strong. Its fruit is the acorn which the hog loves. A hog, you know, is an animal which hardly ever looks up. It walks with head down and nose to the ground. It seems to care nothing about the stars in the heavens, nor the place where the acorns grow; but it has a strong appetite for them when it finds them on the ground under the tree.

It was a grand, majestic oak-tree under which a big hog was feeding, and when it devoured all the acorns it could find on the surface, it began to burrow with its snout for more. It kept up until the roots of the tree were well exposed to the air and remained unprotected Then the hog, finding its effort unprofitable, left. And the tree died.

Now, dear reader, in the case of the hog this is perfectly natural; but in the case of a human being it is either very stupid or tragic, according to the way you look at it.

Is it not true that so far as eating and drinking is concerned we get our daily bread from the same Source as do all living things? God is the Provider. Where then is the difference? The difference is in the degree of appreciation of the Giver of all good things on the part of those who receive them. There is a difference between a hog and a gentleman. The element which differentiates the two is the capacity for appreciation, and still more, the capacity for expressing this appreciation in a worthy manner.

Life to the hog is belly-full. Life to a Christian is joy-full. There is a vast difference between these two in this world; how much greater it is in the world to come!

What a glorious thing it is to be a man or a woman, no matter whether born in wealth or in humble environment. What matters it whether you have or have not much meat? You are rich in life if you have a living soul. The joy of life is yours if you draw your inspiration from God. Beware lest thou forget God. For when a man or a woman forgets God, he also forgets his own manhood, or she her womanhood, and with it also the capacity for the real joy of life.

If we cry to God in adversity and affliction we should also the more praise Him in prosperity and good fortune. God is good to us. Not only is He the Giver of our daily bread; but from Him proceed also all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. We must love Him for Himself as He loved us in sending into the world our Lord Jesus Christ.

But in health and prosperity there is great danger of forgetting God. And this danger is greatest when we fall into the temptation of neglecting His Church. When we fail to appreciate the value of the

Church of God for ourselves and our children, we show a lack of appreciation of God Himself. And it is only a matter of time when He is excluded from our daily life altogether. And then, it is nothing but the story of the hog and the acorns and the oak-tree repeating itself.

God forbid that this should be the story of our life.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES.

Our Lord says, The kingdom of heaven is within you. But many people pretend to know better, and are puffing, and some are sweating blood, in trying to keep up with the Joneses whom they imagine to be the happiest people in the world, and who labor hard indeed to appear so. And all this works itself out in some such way as the following:

A father gave his little girl a nickel to buy herself an apple. On her way home from the fruit stand, with her big apple in her hand, she was the happiest child of God in the world But when she exchanged glances across the street with another little girl having *two* such apples, her joy turned into disappointment. It was the other girl that went home the happiest who when she found her brother in possession of *three* such apples, her happiness in turn disappeared as if on wings, and chagrin settled in its place; and so on. It is an endless joyless race this effort of keeping up with the Joneses, for it never exactly succeeds. Even when every bit of Church interest, and Church support, is given up and diverted into that effort that of keeping up with the Joneses, it is at best a pitiful spectacle. Besides, the Joneses are after all but a phantom which like the rainbow is always ahead of the pursuer. For it is perfectly true that happiness and joy like the kingdom of heaven is within you.

One gets more joy out of life at less expense, and less worry, by serving God faithfully while living within means than by pulling all his resources, and things belonging unto God, into the one effort of keeping up with the Joneses. Our Lord is the wiser when He says, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." It is obviously not with the Joneses.

TO OUR PEOPLE

Our Motto, as is printed on the front page of THE VISITOR, and as you well know, is, "I speak concerning Christ and the Church." It is concerning our Church that we now ask your attention. We take it for granted that as a friend of the Church, and therefore part owner of it, we can speak to you in confidence and in all frankness and with assurance of your generous response.

You know that our Church in a very large degree reflects the conditions and the life of our average home. In our average home there usually is a time when, due to some circumstances, there is a greater need than at other times. This may be due to lack of work, some special expense, or some work of improvement Most of us have had that experience of special want, and

need of help. It is in this spirit, and with this feeling, that we ask you to consider our appeal in behalf of our Church.

Our Church is at present in special want, and needs your help. We are not ashamed to state the case. For our Church is pretty much alive and doing. If it were dead it, like any dead person, would need nothing and ask nothing.

In going to you for help, our Church rightly follows the direction of our Lord: "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Our Church needs a thousand dollars now to do its work properly. There are several reasons for it. Our ideal plan of a dollar-per-week-per-family has been found impracticable. Only a few have accepted it. Meantime in the hope that it *would be* practicable we have given up our annual block party and other corporate activities which used to bring us a handsome sum. Then the enormous increase in the cost of heating and lighting due to rise in prices, and the constant activities in the parish house. Add to this the removal of some of our families to other parts of the city. These and other circumstances are the reason for our appeal. We are confident that a little effort on your part, and on the part of every communicant and friend of our Church, will easily meet our Church's need of $1000. We are also sure that if you consider your gift as an offering to God, which it is, you will be blessed still in many ways. We are also sure that your respect and love for our beautiful Church and valuable property, and for its works' sake, will prompt you to make your gift generous.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

It is a keen pleasure when a boy, or a girl, comes voluntarily and asks how he or she may join the choir, adding: "I have had a talk with my mother, and she aproves it." Would there were many more such boys and girls and many more such mothers, not only for the sake of the choir, but principally for the sake of the children themselves as well as for their parents.

Sometime ago a highly respectable magazine sent out a letter to leading ministers of practically all Protestant denominations through the country, asking their opinion as to the causes of lack of interest among many young people in the life and activities of the Church; and among the many causes given in the answers 78% was attributed to "Bad example and lax discipline of parents." Many remedies were proposed. But remedies are useless unless they are used. The remedy we propose is an honest heart in which Christ dwells, more generally prevailing among the people. This will fill our churches with people and our homes with joy.

The Superintendent of our Sunday School was made very happy by the receipt of a letter from one of our Sunday School teachers. It was simply a letter which explained the unavoidable absence of the teacher from Sunday School, and which contained an assurance of continued loyalty, and closing with: "But I expect to come back in the Fall. We have been away, so I felt that I must write and let you know why I had not been present."

Next to the regular presence of teachers in the Sunday School, it is such letters as this, especially the quoted sentence, that cheers the heart of a Sunday School Superintendent It shows that the teacher carries the thought of the welfare of the Sunday School in the heart. And this is the precious thing which the Superintendent values above all in his teachers.

He often wonders if the parents sufficiently appreciate the service of the teachers in Sunday School cheerfully given for the good of their children.

Did you see recently in the newspaper a picture of a boy of 12 and his father and mother all looking very happy; the boy recovering from dangerous burns and the parents rejoicing in their sacrifice which they made by undergoing the painful and serious operation of skin grafting to save their boy's life?

It is wonderful. What will not parents do to save the body of their child! What sacrifice will they not make to save their boy's or girl's body! And yet, is it not strange how little sacrifice the average parents are inclined to make to save their child's soul! Not that they do not desire to have their children lead godly and decent lives. But, how many parents will give up a little pleasure for the sake of setting a good example to their children in religious training? How many parents will give up some little engagement on the Lord's Day to lead their children to Church where they may catch the inspiration that may last them a lifetime here and eternal life hereafter? They will work their nails off to cloth their children handsomely, and even overfeed them with sweets, and entertain them with the most sensational movies, and yet will show utter indifference to their spiritual welfare which all admit is the more important in the development and growth of character.

Is this seeming callousness of parents to the best interest of their children to be charged to ignorance? Can it be lack of intelligence? Or, is it sin that works this blindness?

Who can help ask these questions when parents who would take no chance in case of danger to their child's body, will take carelessly a hundred chances in case of danger to their child's soul!

Our Junior Marine boys are going into two weeks camp August 1st-15th. Their camp this year is going to be exceptionally suitable for their purpose. It is to be located on a well wooded farm which the College Settlement of our city purchased recently, and which is kindly offered as a camping ground during the first two weeks in August. It is located about 3½ miles from Willow Grove.

The boys will be in charge of experienced officers who have seen service in the World War and know how to run a camp. An occasional visit will be made to the camp by Chief Commander Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, and other officers interested in the boys. Mr Halftan

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No.
1210, July 8, William Charles Reines
1211, " 8, Harry Frederick Irvin
1212, " 15, Harry Christopher Abele

BURIALS

No.
548, July 2, Jemima Nugent
549, " 14, Robert Thomas Kerr

Pedersen is Captain of our Company. We wish the boys a glorious time.

Our Young People's Fellowship closed its regular meetings to be reopened early in September. Meantime the members enjoy an occasional informal meeting; and plans are being made for the Fall work.

The Girls' Friendly Society adjourned until Fall. There was a large atendance at the closing meeting and nice refreshments. The members are looking forward to resuming their useful work early in September.

As usual the pastor is away on vacation during the month of August. Frankly speaking he does not like to miss anything in the way of pastoral work. Should emergency arise in his absence, and the services of a clergyman be needed, he asks that notice be given to Mr. Davies, our sexton; or to Mr. Harry Kaufman, 3445 Frankford avenue, (Phone Frankford 1169), and the needed service will be supplied. There will be Holy Communion on the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in September. None in August.

If you have not already had that experience, you may some day come across a remark like this: "You should have the baby baptized without delay, because if it die unbaptized its soul will go to Limbo." Many parents doubtless have been thus frightened into doing the right thing by their child. Of course, Limbo is a frightful thing; and it is even more terrible to those who know not what it is. It is usually left to the imagination of the hearer, and the imagination of the average person is evil. We may say, moreover, in confidence, that it is very, very doubtful if there be any substance at all back of the awful word Limbo.

So far as we do know, Limbus means "edge" or "border." It is applied by some Christians to the imaginary borderland just outside Hell. Some say it is a dark place, and some say it is full of light. But both agree that it is an eternal dwelling place for infants who die unbaptized born or unborn. Those who insist on the existence of Limbo hold also, out of the goodness of their heart, that the souls who dwell therein "eternally enjoy a state of perfect natural happiness;" except that they are excluded from heaven. So, you see, it is not such a bad place after all, if there is such a place. For do not most people prefer *natural happiness* to going to heaven?

Some say that Limbo is also a place for the souls of those who are good because they are not bad, or neither good nor bad, or because they know not better. For this reason Limbo is sometimes called Fool's Paradise.

But a different picture of Limbo is given by the celebrated English poet, John Milton, who in his *Paradise Lost,* about the year 1665, describes Limbo as follows: "Then might you see Cowls, hoods, and habits, with their wearers tossed and fluttered into rags; then relics, beads, indulgences, dispenses, pardons, bulls, The sport of winds. All these, upwhirled aloft, Into a Limbo large and broad, since called the Paradise of Fools"

So you see, there is a wide difference of opinion as to what Limbo really is.

There is, however, a much better reason why parents should have their children baptized. And that is: It is quite evident from the life and words of our Lord that He wants the children to be brought unto Him; that He gave us the formula of Christian baptism; and says: Suffer little children to come unto me, forbid them not, for to such belongeth the kingdom of heaven. This ought to be reason enough.

On account of the absence of our pastor during the month of August, he wishes to celebrate Holy Communion the last Sunday in July, and on his return the first Sunday in September. The early service on the third Sunday of the month will be omitted in August.

The morning services during August will continue as now, but there will be no evening service during the month of August.

What is the principal difference between the Christian religion and Heathen religions? The brief correct answer is: One emphasizes Fear, the other Love. The Christian behaves because He loves God and everything which God approves; the Heathen behaves because he fears his gods, he fears their displeasure and inevitable punishment. The Christian never thinks of punishment. Even when he suffers he still thinks of God's love, and relies upon it. The Christian gets his lesson from the Cross. The Christian fears sin, and hates it, because sin carries its own punishment. "The wages of sin is death;" demoralization and disintegration; "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ro 6:23). The Christian, therefore, does not regard suffering as a punishment from God, and, therefore, is never afraid of God, like the Heathen; but he loves God, because he knows that God loves him. And this is a great source of comfort to him in time of trouble. But the heathen, in time of trouble and suffering, seeks to proptiate the anger of his gods by all sorts of human devices. The Heathen tries to reconcile his gods to him; but the Christian tries to reconcile himself to God. If a Christian lives right,

and is a loyal member of the Church, it is because he loves God and everything God approves. If a Heathen behaves well, and is a faithful worshipper in the temple, it is because he fears the wrath of his gods. The one is always in fear of devils, and tries to dodge them by hook or crook. The other finds perfect peace and security in the love of God, and fears no devil.

Read carefully the following testimony of a Christian: "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him and he in God. And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. Herein is love made perfect in us, that we have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world. There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen. And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also" (1 John 4:15-21).

The principal difference between a Heathen and a Christian, at their best, is that one loves and the other fears.

Edwin Booth, the great tragedian, who made himself immortal acting the plays of the immortal Shakespeare, when he was asked by a friend, gave this definition of a Christian: "A Christian is one who rejoices in the superiority of his rival."

The cultivation of this virtue in schools and colleges is in itself a mark of progress in Christian civilization.

Have you seen the picture of the marriage by radio? The next thing will be a picture of divorce by radio. One is getting to be as easy as the other. All that is needed in both is to look pleasant. The crowd is gradually getting used to it. And it is difficult to distinguish one from the other because all smile.

Here is a lovely way of saying grace at a happy gathering: "Master of life, make our table-fellowship the revelation of Thy presence, and change our daily bread into the bread of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We copied this from the *Churchman*, a weekly magazine of our Church, full of information and interesting reading in the interest of religion and civilization. It ought to be the family paper in the homes of our people.

How much should a person give to the work of the Church? In the Old Testament the sum is fixed. And there are many Christian people now who have accepted it as the measure of their giving, and that is one-tenth of their income. This saves one a lot of thinking; and incidentally saves also the Church treasurer the unpleasant feeling of uncertainty. When the amount is fixed everybody knows

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what to do. It is a simple question of expense and income. It must be a great source of satisfaction to all those who bring themselves to the habit of regular giving, by setting aside one tenth of their substance for the Lord's work. The fact that so many continue therein shows that it works well, and is thoroughly enjoyed.

There is another way of giving; but in so doing the giver registers the measure of his love and respect for the institution to which he is giving, and his admiration and his love for its Founder. It is a matter not of arithmetic but of spirit and love and ability.

Like the two-thirds of those who signed the Declaration of Independence, George Washington was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was an active Church member. He served on the vestry, and at one time himself drew up the plans for a Church building.

Washington was inaugurated first president of the United States, June 30, 1789. When, therefore, the third General Convention of the Episcopal Church met in Philadelphia, August 7, of the same year, one of the first acts of the convention was to draft an address felicitating him and the people on the launching of the new Government. He wrote back a long most appreciative letter, dated August 19, 1789, addressing it: "to the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, etc." Closing it as follows: "I request, Most Reverend and respectable Gentlemen, that you will accept my cordial thanks for your devout supplications to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in behalf of me. May you, and the people whom you represent, be happy subjects of Divine Benediction both here and hereafter!" Then followed his signature and the date, August 19, 1789.

Let us remember that he was one of the great company of men who followed him in the office of president of the United States most of whom were Episcopalians. They fully appreciated the excellency and genius of our Church. Are we, the people of St. George's, not justified, without boasting or presuming, to cherish due pride in our Church? And shall we not find joy and pleasure in caring for this precious heritage in a manner worthy of its history and dignity? Shall we begrudge it a few dollars, and stint our gifts to this noble institution? Shall we not rather, one and all, do our utmost to give it the support it merits? And thus maintain our own self-respect?

United we stand, divided we fall. You will find this true literally or metaphorically, or in any sense you take it Progress in constructive work is synonymous with co-operation. There is no constructive work without unity of action. "No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth unto himself." Co-operation is the very law of our existence. It is true of the family. It is true of the Church, and of the world at large. Unity is the secret of creation. The lack of it is disintegration. When men and God work together there is wonderful progress and much life. When the unity between these two is broken there is no end to crumbling and the end

is death. Co-operation is a great producer and a great saver. He is called Savior who first preached the Brotherhood of Men.

He who justifies a quarrel by shifting the blame upon his neighbor, should remember the Spanish proverb: "Two it takes to make a quarrel; one can always end it." He is a better man who ends a quarrel than he who starts one. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the sons of God"

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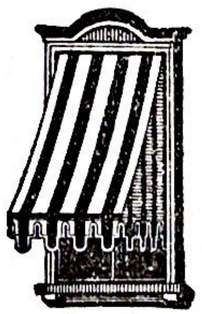
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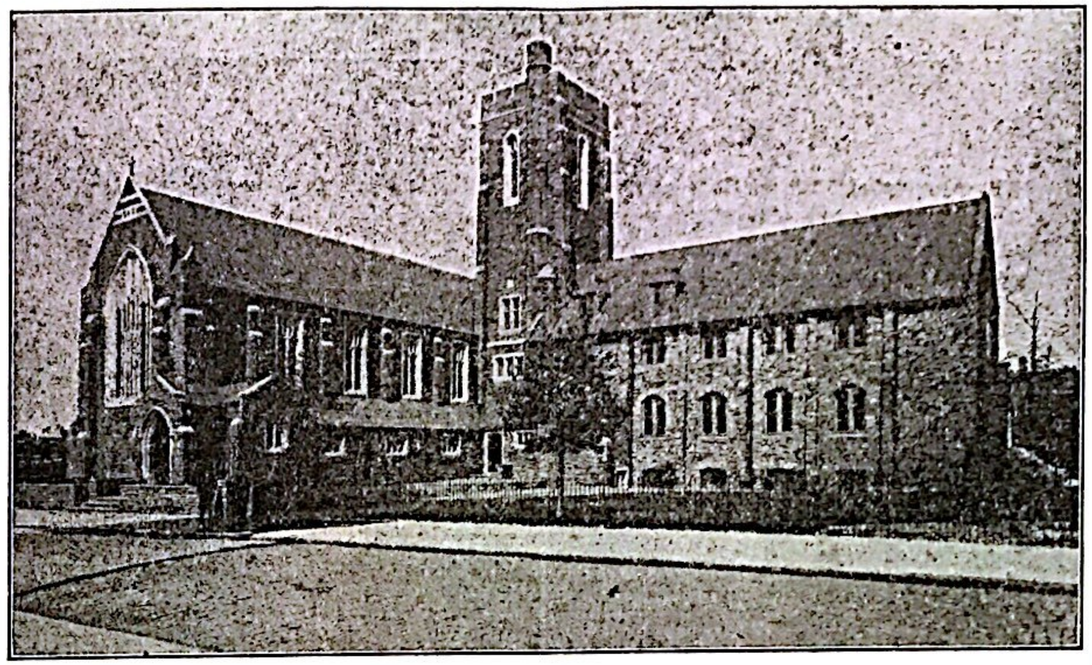
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OUR LATE PRESIDENT

"President Harding died at 7.30 P. M." was the startling news flashed across the continent from San Francisco, August 2nd, and it ran around the world with lightning swiftness. This message challenged the attention of many nations, and shocked the feelings of our own great people. The President of the United States, the governors of the states and the mayors of the cities throughout the breadth and length of our land issued most eloquent proclamations designating a day (Friday, August 10, the day upon which the body of the late President was laid at rest) as a day for the religious observance of mourning throughout the land. And the people eagerly showed on that day their reverence and love to the President by the well attended memorial services, in solemn assembly, in their respective places of worship.

The estimate of the personality and character of Warren Gamaliel Harding as a man and as President of the United States has been given and will continue to be given in high terms in many of our papers and magazines and in the speeches of our leading men and women. All this is the highest tribute to him who has just finished his course in faith.

But your attention is called especially to the way in which a great civilized nation pays its tribute publicly to its men and women who pass into eternity loved and respected. It is the best and truest way a civilized nation can conceive, namely, *a memorial service in a place of worship.*

The Church then is the place, and the divine service is the means of expressing our noblest feelings. This fact is of important significance to every one of us.

Why do we, people and government, turn almost instinctively to the Church in time of national crisis or of solemn occasion? Is it not because such events rouse our souls and stir within us our noblest thoughts and emotions which can find adequate expression only through the noblest medium? What other place than the Church and what other means than divine service could be more in harmony with the paying of our last tribute to our Christian President?

Our late President recognized the importance and value of the Church as an institution necessary to the life and prosperity of our people. He professed to hold to the Christian faith, and like his predecessors in office attended Church services regularly. His successor, President Coolidge is doing the same. The significance of a President of the United States attending Church regularly on the Lord's day is much greater than that of a busiest man in the land finding time, or taking time to go to Church. It is a challenge to many of his fellow citizens who with more time and less reason stay away from Church. It is a challenge to their indifference to the Church and to their intelligence. It is a challenge to their idea of consistency: that if it is proper to attend Church on a special occasion, is it not more proper to attend Church regularly? It is a challenge to their sincerity as loyal citizens, since the Church is a necessary institution to our civilization.

The best thing said of our late President Harding is that he strove hard to hold fast to Christian ideals.

EVERYBODY'S OPPORTUNITY

There are all sorts of opportunities in this world. But not all people can take advantage of all opportunities. In fact that which is an opportunity to one is not an opportunity to another. There are opportunities which present themselves to men, but do not suit women. Some appeal to girls, but do not fit boys. Some come to the rich, but are beyond the grasp of the poor. Some knock at the door of the lowly, and pass by the mansions in high places. But there is one opportunity which stands at the gate, as it were, and cries out to all alike. It appeals to the student as well as to the worker, old and young, men, women, boys and girls, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, regardless of nationality or language; and this opportunity is the Church. It is everybody's opportunity.

But, you ask; opportunity for what? *Opportunity to help to keep alive that for which Christ stands.*

The Church is, indeed, the only opportunity of keeping alive and perpetuating the spirit of Christ who is the light and the life of civilization.

The Church as it now is, divided into denominations, separated by man made partition walls, labeled for the sake of perpetuating differences, though one division is not a whit better than the other; the Church as it now is, made up of men and women striving to be and to become Christian, is, of course, imperfect. But is not an imperfect Church better than no Church at all? Is not an imperfect humane man better to have around than an inhuman man. Is not a little light better than darkness, a poor school better than none at all, an imperfect government than no government at all, a humble home than no home at all, a small hope than no hope at all? Is it not better to see "as through a glass darkly" than to be utterly blind? Is not an imperfect Church infinitely better than no Church at all? Surely, where there is life, there is hope.

Blessed, yea thrice blessed, is he or she, whoever he or she may be, who contributes to the life and prosperity of the Church by whatever means he or she can command. For in so doing they who strive for the welfare of the Church share in the work of Christ which is the work of regeneration, salvation, joy of living, and life eternal. They shall be numbered among the friends of Christ, the company of the faithful, and called the salt of the earth, the light and life of the world.

The days of vacation are over. The Fall's work is at hand. May all our men, women and children put their hands and minds to it with good heart. Our Church is our opportunity to do the will of God. Let us cheer one another unto good

works. Let the parents show good example to their children, and children urge on their parents, and all together rejoice in the growth and prosperity of our most beautiful and noble Church. *For it is everybody's opportunity.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Beginning with this month our first consideration is given to our children. We, therefore, call upon parents and our Sunday School teachers to look forward to Rally Day, the first Sunday in October, with enthusiasm. We suggest to the teachers the need of some program of service and exercise on that day, representing all the Sunday School Departments. An early meeting of teachers for the discussion and arrangement of such a program is highly desirable.

Beginning with this month, September, all our services and meetings will be resumed on the usual hour. Special mention is made again of our early Holy Communion Service, at 8 o'clock, every third Sunday in the month. Our Sunday School will again meet at 2 P. M.

We would suggest to the Parish Orchestra, having kept up nobly its rehearsals throughout the summer, to choose a date, not far distant, for a concert, both for the delight of our people and the benefit of the Church.

A rally of all the members and an early business meeting is desirable. We are convinced that the splendid talent and leadership of the orchestra, if kept up, will in short time challenge the admiration of the community.

We commend to the young people of our community the excellent character of our Young People's Fellowship as an opportunity for the finest recreation of body and soul. There is a normal atmosphere of sociability, of friendship, of culture and of democracy in which young men and women of good taste delight. And it is open to all young people who like that kind of atmosphere. The Young People's Fellowship will resume its regular meetings early in September. The time of meeting is Wednesday at 8 P. M.

It is under the auspices of the Young People's Fellowship that the Philadelphia Electric Company will give a most interesting demonstration of the latest electrical inventions accompanied by a few reels of entertaining moving pictures in the parish house, and for the benefit of the Church, October 3rd. And because it is for the benefit of the Church we bespeak the interest of all our members and friends.

The members of our Girls' Friendly Society have a precious trust in their keeping.

It is the splendid group of the candidates, the future members of the Society. Perhaps no other society in our Church has a more blessed privilege, the privilege of guiding rightly younger sisters, than have the older members of our Girls' Friendly Society.

We suggest, therefore, an early Girls' Friendly Society meeting, not only to plan its own year's work, but also to draw up a definite plan

of work and recreation for our candidates. Too much cannot be said in praise of these who supervised the meetings and activities of these excellent little girls throughout last season, and we trust that they will continue their noble work the coming season, but they ought to have the backing and auxiliary aid, if need be, from the whole Girls' Friendly Society branch.

A friend very kindly sent us, while on vacation, two pictures clipped from the *Evening Public Ledger*. One photograph showing our constant and loyal friend, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, and officers formally opening the Junior Marines' Camp at College Settlement Farm, above Willow Grove, and the other showing him amidst a group of our boys in camp, members of Company A. These pictures, thanks to him who sent them, added very much to our vacation enjoyment. It was a great pleasure to recognize so many familiar faces in the two groups, and this pleasure was greatly enhanced by the information given beneath the picture that the camp has been named "Camp Major Arkin." We consider it a great honor, much beyond our desert. Surely, in benevolence, good will and generosity of heart and mind it is hard to find another like the friend of us all, Major Biddle. His joy is in making others joyful. Both our boys of the Junior Marines Company and their parents, we are sure, deeply appreciate his kindliness and friendship.

Our Junior Marine boys are carrying their colors high. Their success is chiefly due to regularity of meetings and exercises and the ability of their leaders to give the time required for such exercises.

Our Boy Scouts, on the other hand, have suffered much; not for lack of good leaders, but because the good leaders thought it impossible to give their time required by the business of the troop. Like all worthy and noble enterprises, the Boy Scout movement requires the giving of yourself to it. This means giving of your time. But as is usually the case those who have the time have no taste for the enterprise, and those who like the work have not the time to give to it. It is not difficult to see the difficulty our troop has been laboring under. Yet it has held on to its charter for over 16 years. We, therefore, still have hope for a genuine renewal of interest on the part of parents and boys, and especially on the part of leaders who will not only offer themselves for service, but also have the time to enable them to fulfil their task nobly. A noble task requires noble leaders, and the Boy Scout movement is a noble one.

We suggest a troop rally meeting at the earliest possible date.

One of our most steady and solid organizations is the Woman's Guild. It has been fortunate in the selection of officers, and has carried on its work steadily and effectively. It has raised money for the Church, has taken care of the Altar, has looked after the choir vestments, not a small care by any means, and has done other odd jobs in the Church. It is also well represented in the Drexel Biddle Social Service Workers; a fine body of women, indeed.

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Our earnest desire is that our Woman's Guild grow in numbers as well as in grace. We are sure that its members will welcome candidates for admission into this company of the faithful. And no woman who is desirous of doing some good in the world need hesitate to apply for membership into our Woman's Guild.

A good Church choir is a precious possession of any congregation. A good Church choir is usually made up of faithful members of talent and a faithful choirmaster. This we believe in the main we have. We very nearly overlooked to mention also a good organ. This, too, we have, thank God. Those who hear our choir go away praising it. What more then do we need? We need a deeper interest in the choir on the part of our people generally; the co-operation of parents having boys or girls eligible for the choir; a stronger desire in our young people to contribute to the work of perfecting our choir still more, and all these to the glory of God and the edification of ourselves.

It is a great pleasure and comfort to have young people come and offer themselves for the choir.

The need to know and understand the Bible is just as great among Christian people today as it was ever in the past. Of course, much of it is taught in the morning and evening Church services. There is no Church, even among Protestant Churches, in which the Bible is read and used as much as it is read and used in our services. Yet in the face of so much persisting ignorance, so much blind criticism, so much profane scoffing among the Churchless on the one hand, and the systematic and deliberate discouragement by a certain Church organization on the other, makes the need of biblical knowledge more imperative in a Christian Community.

Of course there can be no wedding without the bride. The bride are those who wish to learn the Bible, and willing to come regularly to the Bible Class, or Chuch service. *He* is willing. The pastor is willing to give his time to a Bible Class also, if there is demand for it. And he prays that men and women would demand of him a first class Bible Class.

And now we come to the minister himself, the servant of God, or better translated, the slave of God, as St. Paul loves to call himself.

Some people in ignorance would regard the minister as their own slave; but he is really the slave of God, and slave to no man or woman. And being the slave of God he is the pastor and guide of his people, and the shepherd of God's flock; and he loves them all. He bears no more grudge to an erring member of his congregation than the shepherd bears malice towards the straying sheep of his flock. In all his work he tries to do the will of God. His mistakes are slips of the mind, but not of the heart. It is, therefore childishly foolish, to say the least, for any man or woman to cherish an imaginary ill-treatment or neglect or grudge against him, as it often happens among neighbors. But this imaginary feeling never finds place in any heart if the proper meaning is given to the name minister and his office.

The minister is like your looking glass. Whatever face you make you will see a like image in him; but the image is your own creation. The minister has feelings, but no private interests. He has no object of his own, and no ambition except one, and that is to build up a godly and happy congregation. His own happiness is found in the joy and welfare of every one in his congregation. If he is given the slightest chance he shares also the sorrow as well as the joy of all alike.

Perhaps the most childish thing is for any one to get offended at what the minister may happen to say in the pulpit. The wisest thing is to take it to heart, but never to be offended. For there is no offense where no offense is meant. Love and a proper spirit and a proper estimate of the minister naturally lead the offended listener to seek a private explanation, and always with very satisfying results. To seek a personal explanation is the privilege of a friend and the right of an enemy. It is the shortest way to peace of mind and peace in general.

Who respects a son going about airing among his neighbors his misunderstanding with his father, or best friend? Is there not a much shorter way to a right understanding? For instance: "Father, whom did you mean by saying that some people blow their noses in other people's faces?" Verily, you will get the right explanation, and save yourself and other a lot of trouble.

The minister is his people's best friend. They can trust him with never an injury to themselves. Their love and trust is what he craves for: he never turns traitor to either of these.

While putting together the words above the minister received the following sweet and noble letter from our mutual friend, Major Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, addressed to Camp Awosting, N. Y., and dated August 9th. It reads as follows:

"Praying that this letter finds you in good health, I write to report about our splendid camp. Due to your kindness in arranging for our camp, we are greatly enjoying our time in the country. I spent one entire day there and am going there again today, and still again tomorrow. We had a fine supper-party the other night, and, of course, we all missed you very greatly."

It is a noble expression coming

from a noble character. For while the minister had something to do with the location of the Junior Marine Camp, the full realization of the Camp is due to the untiring efforts and encouragement of Major Biddle who is always going about seeking to do good.

The importance of some little things cannot, and ought not to be under-estimated. One of the little things, or regarded as little things, is the monthly distribution and the home delivery of this parish paper by some of our boys and girls. The service of these children is invaluable. The pleasing part of it is that they are doing it cheerfully out of love for the Church. They are, indeed, the finest type of children in any parish.

Of course, there are other little things, such as collecting the material for our *St. George's Visitor,* putting it in shape for the printer, addressing the copies for delivery, and mailing some, etc., etc. Then the paying of the printing bill, month after month, throughout the year. It is rather an interesting little job. But little as it seems, we trust that our people appreciate the importance of it in the interest of our Church, especially of our own parish.

We trust that they read *The Visitor* brought to their door regularly every month; that they pass it on to their neighbors; that they are proud to have a parish paper praised by those who read it, and show good will to those who make its existence possible.

There is never an intentional slight or omission on the part of the editor. Errors creep in in spite of all diligence to keep them out; and now and then an omission takes us by surprise; but these are much minimized when our people co-operate, and when the readers consider themselves as owners and stockholders on the enterprise, and not as strangers and onlookers.

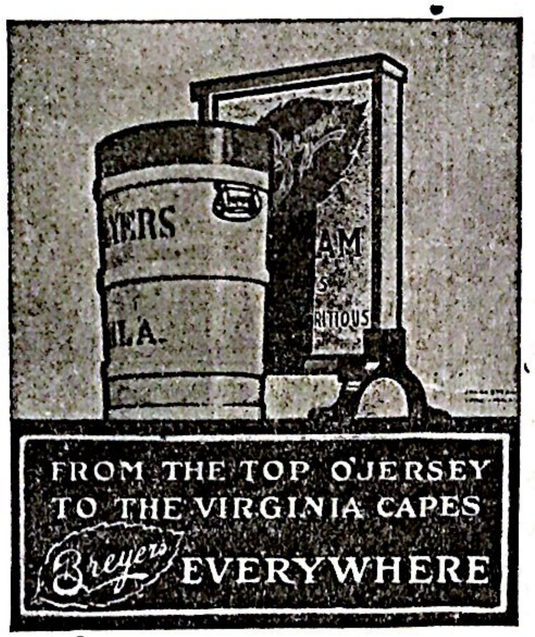
Every reader and every working society in the parish, are expected to help to improve the character of our parish paper, to keep the editor supplied with timely items of interest for the benefit of the readers and the good of the Church. Especially should the officers of our various organizations be diligent in keeping *St. George's Visitor* posted on the future plans and activities of their Associations. We would suggest that each Society appoint a standing publicity committee of one whose business should be to boost the Society through *St. George's Visitor.*

Why should I go to Church? Because Christ Jesus, my best friend, is its founder; because it was built for *all* the people; because no one can take my place in it; because it is a great helpful institution for good, and I wish to do my part to keep it strong in its influence; because it is a place the atmosphere of which is wholesome; because there I hear the Bible read and explained; because people there are at their best; because there I am continually reminded of the destiny of my soul; because it is the best place for spiritual refreshment; it is a place where my human sympathies are quickened, and keeps me from growing selfish and hard hearted; because it is a place where our children receive their first lesson in

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religion and morality, and where the young people catch the first glimpse of the beauty of holiness, and receive inspiration to nobility of character; because it is a place where many who are bowed down with sorrow find solace and comfort, and hope drives despair away; because, well, because I really have no good reason for *not* going to Church.

Why do I come to Holy Communion? Because I know of no good reason why I should not come to Holy Communion. If I could succeed reasonably to do away with the past. If I could take Christ out of history. If I could reasonably ignore the testimony of saintly men and women and their noble lives. If I could shut my eyes to the experiences of millions of my kind within the last 1900 years. If I could wipe out of the literature of mankind, the New Testament. If I could contradict my own conscience as to what is the right and sensible thing to do. If I could do all these things just enumerated; then and only then, laziness might question the reasonableness of my coming to Holy Communion. But as to do all these things is beyond my power and beyond my reason, I accept Christ's command on faith, and come to Holy Communion in remembrance of Him. If I could disprove the truths of the Christian religion, I, too, like some others, would stay away from the Lord's Supper. But I cannot, like some others, go on living with my reason darkened and my eyes shut. Therefore I come to Holy Communion. Perhaps you who stay away have succeeded in accomplishing all those things, enumerated above, which I could not do, and, therefore, are justified in staying away.

A few random quotations from the Book of Proverbs:

Let not kindliness and truth forsake thee: Bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tablet of thy heart: So shalt thou find favor and understanding in the sight of God and man.

Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear God and depart from evil.

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due when it is in the power of thy hand to do it.

Go to the ant, thou sluggard: Consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no chief, overseer, or ruler, provideth her bread in the summer, and gathereth her food in the havest. (It reminds us of: Make hay while the sun shines.)

There are six things which God hateth; yea, seven which are an abomination unto him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood; a heart that deviseth wicked purposes; feet that are swift in running to mischief; a false witness that uttereth lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Reprove not a scoffer lest he hate thee: Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.

A wise son maketh a glad father; but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

The wise in heart will receive commandments, but a prating fool shall fall.

Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all transgressions.

The labor of the righteous tendeth to life; the increase of the wicked, to sin.

When pride cometh, then cometh shame; but with the lowly is wisdom.

He that despiseth his neighbor is devoid of heart.

As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman that is without discretion.

Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge; but he that hateth reproof is brutish.

A worthy woman is the crown of her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

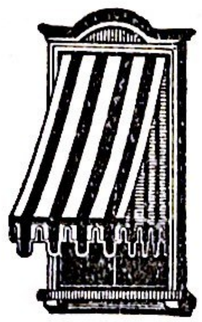
The Daily Kindergarten under Miss Ott in our Mission Chapel, Venango, in charge of the Rev. Mr. Kilpatrick, has recently staged in the Chapel a most beautiful play which drew a large audience two nights in succession. Miss Ott has proposed to us to give this play in our parish house both for the benefit of our Church and of the Kindergarten early in the Fall. When the tickets are issued, it is our fond expectation that they will be liberally bought by our people.

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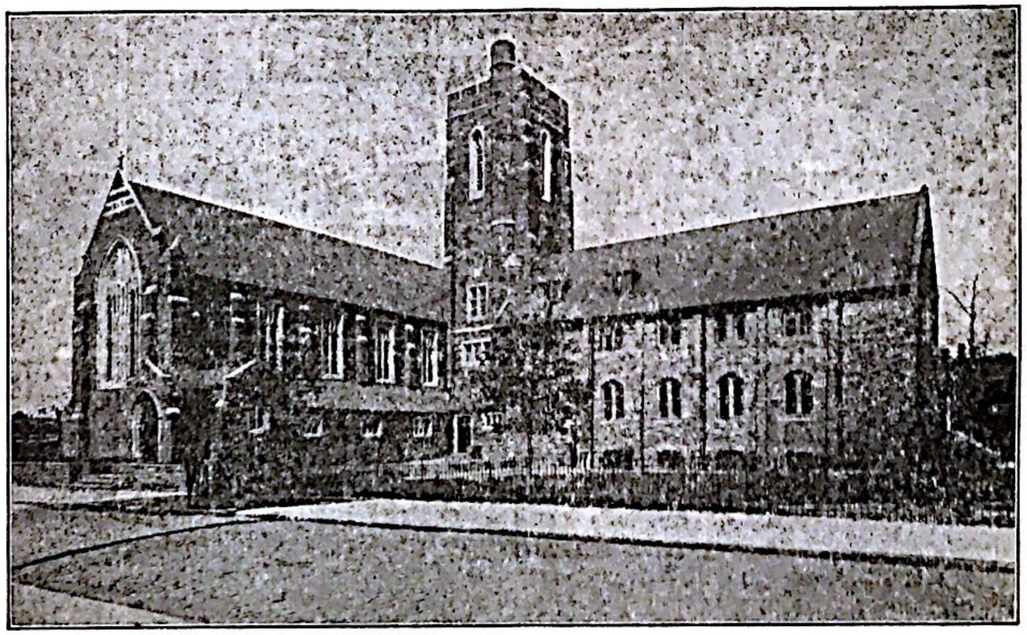
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WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

Two thoughtful men were overheard discussing the most terrible earthquake which recently shook Japan, the horrors of which in loss of lives and property have stirred the hearts and hands of the whole civilized world.

"It is awful and staggering," said the one man to the other, "why does God . . ."

"Stop right here," almost shouted the other, as if irritated at the mention of God, "I know what you were going to say. You were going to ask why God Almighty permitted so much indiscriminate suffering. It is the old chestnut mouthed complacently in time of calamity and affliction by those who never think of God, or make mention of Him, in time of prosperity and enjoyment. Your question is entirely out of order. Your question would be in order, and would merit consideration, if you and others like you, would first answer the foremost question, which has been ringing through the ages. Some questions cannot be answered rightly until other questions related to them are answered first. When men and women have answered honestly and sincerely the question: 'What think ye of Christ?' then all other questions, including yours, will be answered satisfactorily. Those who *have* answered this question: *'What think ye of Christ?'* one way or another, never ask why God permits suffering.

"Answer me first why so many people, like yourself, live, and go on living, as if Christ had not been born, had not been crucified, had not risen? I am not questioning your moral character. You all may be sinless, for all I know. What I cannot understand is how, you and they, may go on living day by day, Sunday as any other day, as if Christ never existed. One coming from another world could not tell from our lives that you are Christians. He may find you to be good fellows, self-respecting gentlemen, well behaved and law-abiding citizens; but he could not tell that you are Christians. He could not distinguish you from other good people where Christ is unknown, nor from the excellent people who lived before Christ came. And yet, the question 'What think ye of Christ?' coming from our Lord Himself, as recorded in the New Testament, still demands a straight answer, and challenges every man and woman coming into this world. From the time they reach the age of intelligence, 'What think ye of Christ?' is the first question which demands an answer from the young; and if they ignore it, it follows them up to the end of their lives. It will not down.

"It is a personal question; and no one can answer it for us. And it is the starting point to all questions of life surrounded by mystery.

"Have you answered it? Does your conduct square with that answer? If your answer is that of His Apostles, that He is the Son of the living God, do you respect His authority? Do you do His commandments? Do you observe the Lord's Day? Do you support His institution? Do you trust in His promises? Have you faith in His wisdom? Do you show your faith in reverent worship and in listening to His teachings? Are you rendering any service to the cause for which He suffered? Do you love Him as He loves you? If you do all this, no problem of the mystery of life or death will bother you.

"On the other hand, if you deny the existence of Christ and His question, 'What think ye of Christ?' then *your* question, 'Why God permits an earthquake involving suffering,' is senseless; because you are assuming a God of love while you are denying Christ. For it is through Christ alone that we are taught that God is love. And he who knows Christ, knows God. It is preposterous to assume that God is Love while denying Christ. As for me, I do not see God in the earthquake, but I do see Him in the millions outstretched helping hands to the stricken people of Japan; a living and multiple picture of the Parable of the Good Samaritan."

CONFIRMATION

We cannot think of Christ without also thinking of the Church. As the School is necessary to keep alive and uncorrupt our language by the study of grammar; to keep high the ideal of democracy by the study of history; to add to our comforts by a better knowledge of physics and mechanics; so is the Church essential to the keeping alive of the religion of Jesus Christ. It is essential because where there is no knowledge of Christ, all the other things are but transitory and vain.

It is therefore the duty of every one who bears the name Christian to do what he can for the growth and the strengthening of the Church. This means rendering of service; and Confirmation is the formal enrolment into the service of Christ and of His Church. Every lodge, every institution, and every Church, under heaven has some kind of form of enrolment. Ours is Confirmation. We like it best because we find indisputable traces of it in the New Testament, and a well established custom in the early Church which has come down to us slightly modified to meet the demands of the time. The architecture of Church building may vary with time, yet throughout all external changes the spirit within remains the same since the organization of the first Christian Church in Jerusalem. So is the noble and beautiful spirit of Confirmation; a dignified time honored form of enrolment into the list of membership of the Episcopal Church. It is not initiation into the Church. This is done when a person or a child is baptized. *All* baptized (or what goes under the name of christening) persons are members of the Church. Confirmation is the expression of willingness to serve Christ in the ranks of the Episcopal Church. If our Church appeals to you as a favorable opportunity for the exercise of your Christian faith, we should welcome you to the rite of Confirmation.

Parents who love their children, should talk to them on the subject of Confirmation, and urge them to learn its meaning and its impor-

tance, and to help them to the rite of Confirmation. The day of our Confirmation service will be announced later.

WHY FEAR?

Why fear, why not love? Why should fear have so much to do with our conduct? Why should we permit fear to act the tyrant over us? Why should we not choose rather love to guide us in our thoughts and actions? It were much better for each and all of us.

There are many, many, people who go to Church on the Lord's Day because of fear. But just as many stay away from Church because of fear. One goes to Church because he thinks something would happen if he did not go. The other stays away, because he thinks nothing will happen, because nothing has happened. But if he knew, or even suspected, that something would happen, he like the other, his brother in fear, would go to Church. At heart they are of the same kind. The one is afraid, the other is not afraid. Neither has any love. Both are dominated by fear.

It is a fact that criminals belong to a lower civilization. They hark back to the days of the cave man. And the lower down in civilization the more generally Fear is the ruling force of man's action, or inaction. Both criminals and savages are governed by Fear.

The human heart is inclined to evil. But some people are kept from crime by Fear of being caught. Their desire is overcome by Fear. Others take a chance; their Fear is overcome by their desire. And when after the crime "nothing happens," and they get away with it, they continue in their crimes, and become hardened criminals. In both cases, however, Fear, more or less, governs action or inaction.

Now as a practical proposition, it is much safer to live among people who are kept from crime by Fear than to live among people whose desire is stronger than their fear, and who therefore will take a chance at a robbery, burglary, or worse.

Of course, there is still another class of people, a large class, who have no desire for crime; but who love righteousness. They have no thought of Fear.

Now, apply this principle to the religious life of people.

Almost all, at least in this country, admit that the Church is a helpful and necessary institution.

Some people attend its services regularly and support it faithfully out of Fear, Fear of God, or Fear of Hell, it matters not. While others whose desires for pleasure seeking are stronger than their Fear, neglect the Church; and having done it once, and "nothing happens," no sickness, no death, no accident, no earthquake, everything goes on as before, they continue in their neglect of the Church, and become hardened. There is nothing more fatal to the well being of a people than the hardening of their spiritual arteries. It is worse than sclerosis.

As a practical proposition, therefore, those who uphold the Church out of Fear, do certainly more for the welfare of the community than those who neglect the Church because they do not fear. The advantage is decidedly with the former.

But why should Fear have anything to do with religion? Why should not love dominate the lives of all people? Why should not love for God and men, for Christ and His Church, for the good, and the beautiful and the true, move people to so regulate their lives as to find time and means also for the place of worship? Since the Church is useful, should it not be made more useful? Since the Church can do more good with a larger congregation, should not people willingly enrol themselves in its services? Why Fear, or no Fear? Why not love?

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Young People's Fellowship has arranged a program of more than ordinary interest for Wednesday evening, October 3rd, 8 o'clock *promptly*.

Subject will be "Electricity" with motion pictures and illustrated talk.

The life of Thomas Edison will be shown and a comedy on the picturization of the trials of a typical business man who essays the business of keeping house with subsequent ludicrous happenings.

"Electrical Helps and Hints for the Home" is the subject of an illustrated talk by Gertrude H. Shearer, of the Philadelphia Electric Company, through whose courtesy the program is arranged.

A display of electrical appliances and lamps will be made.

Admission is 15c, the proceeds going for the benefit of the Church, and it is earnestly hoped that a good adult attendance will be present. There will be also music.

When our Church appeals to the Congregation for help, it is because it needs that help. But the Church does not beg, it merely reminds the people of their duty. Nor does it remind those who cannot give. It only reminds those who *can* give. Nor does the Church sit in judgment as to your ability, or as to the amount. You are your own judge. You know your income and expenses. All the Church expects from you who can give is to be treated just a little better than the groceryman, the insurance man, the candy store, the movie, the gas man, the theatre, the ice cream man and the few others.

Our Church holds no grudge. It does not threaten. It has no blacklist. What it has it gives to all freely and lovingly. It gives much more of value than it receives. It is like a loving mother in giving, and its gifts are often priceless. But all this is no reason why it should not be fully appreciated; or why it should be taken advantage of.

In any transaction there are always two. Where there are two, there are duties to be performed by both. There must be reciprocity. It is so among lovers. It is so in business. It is so with the Church and yourself. It is so with the Minister and his people. The Minister's duty is to visit the sick. And it is the duty as well as the privilege of the sick to inform or to invite the Minister. But in addition to this common sense rule there is a special rule printed in italics on page 281 of our Prayer Book. It reads as follows: "When any person is sick, notice

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1215, " 16, Dorothy Rose Hartzell
1216, " 16, Robert Wellington Hartzell
1217, " 16, Albert Walter Hartzell
1218, " 16, Ruth Sophia Robinson
1219, " 22, Alexander Meller

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No.
225, Sept. 1, { Joseph J. Kieffer / Elizabeth Kettle
226, Sept. 26, { Philip Holland / Mary Arndt
227, Sept. 27, { Samuel E. McGowan / Ida Didrickson

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No.
550, Sept. 15, Charles Schmidt
551, " 19, Thomas Edwin Holt
552, " 24, Christina Margaret Frederickson

shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish." Attention is called to the word SHALL; not *may*, but *shall* be given to the Minister of the Parish.

As this issue of THE VISITOR, for October, will be ready for distribution before the last Sunday in September, we take, therefore, the opportunity of advising our readers that our Polish congregation, Rev. John B. Panfil, Priest in Charge, will hold its sixth anniversary service, Sunday afternoon, September 30, in our Church, at 4 o'clock, Rev. Elliott White officiating. Our orchestra will take part in the program.

There is much we can learn from little children of the secret of true joy. Usually when any Society is giving an entertainment for the benefit of the Church, the tickets are given out to such of our Sunday School children as are willing to sell them among their neighbors. Generally the children are eager to help the Church, if their enthusiasm is not cooled, or killed at home. They are thoroughly animated by the genuine pleasure of rendering some service to the Church.

For example. On Monday morning following the Sunday on which tickets were allotted among some of the Sunday School children, a little girl burst joyously into the office, almost quivering with delight, with sparkling eyes, and outstretched little handful of money, almost shouted: "I have sold all the tickets, here is the money, I want some more tickets!" Greedily she grabbed the other tickets, and away she ran. In the afternoon she came again, almost dancing with joy: "Here is the money, I sold them all, give me more, twice as many!" Two days later we happened to drop in on a visit to the family, and the mother with ill disguised pleasure informed us that her girl sold all the other tickets, and that the child felt the happiest creature under heaven, and did not care for the well-earned prize, but will be glad to pay for her own ticket of admission.

Now what made this little girl so happy; a happiness the sweet memory of which will remain with her through life? What is the secret of that exquisite delight experienced by this child, and many other boys and girls like her? Whence comes it?

Alas, it is the fumes of misdirected passions in youth, and the dust and smoke of the battle of life and greediness for pleasure in later days that blur our vision of real happiness. "Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven."

The last rehearsals of our parish orchestra have shown great improvement in harmony. With the passing of vacation season the orchestra is resuming normal proportions. But we still need a greater variety of instruments. There is need of a saxophone, another cornet and trumpet, a flute and cello, and perhaps another clarinet. Of course, there is no end of enrichment to an orchestra. Application for membership in the orchestra will be gladly considered.

Our Church Council is planning for a large Parish meeting to be held sometime in November. We trust that when the call comes all who think anything at all of St. George's Church will be present with their families. Our motto is good fellowship. We shall fall short in our Christian religion if we do not cultivate to the utmost the spirit of friendship. The Parish meeting is our opportunity.

We call on all our people to think, and pray, and work for the success of our Annual Fair; because it is for the benefit of the Church. Last year it was held on the last Friday and Saturday in November. The date should be quickly decided upon. But this is a minor matter. The main thing is the willingness and readiness of everybody to do his or her share. Let us work hard with a will. It is for the benefit of the Church.

Hallowe'en comes on Wednesday, October 31st. Here is an opportunity for a joyous time in the parish house for all. Let us have one for the children, and one for ourselves and friends. And let us have a merry contest, not a bathing girl contest, but something more refined. Let us have a costume contest which will tax the ingenuity for good taste as well as merriment. Let us have a real good time on Hallowe'en.

Beginning with October all our people who support the Church by means of Weekly Envelopes will receive a new set of envelopes for the next year. These envelopes come in beautiful paper containers easily placed for convenient use. Our contributors are asked to call for these envelopes when they come to Church, or at the office. The treasurer will be glad to furnish sets of envelopes to all who wish to use them in support of the Church.

It is the pride of our nation that we are a free people. But free as we are, we are not free from taxes. In fact, our freedom would go, if people were free to stop paying for

the support of our government. Likewise our religious freedom would go, if people stopped their contributions to the Church. Our ancestors paid for their religious freedom with their lives. Should we not be glad to maintain it strong with money, especially when we can afford it? Not only love, but self-respect also, should prompt every Christian to do his or her share in Church support. There is really no difference between a tax dodger and any other dodger. The respectable way is to bear manly an obvious responsibility.

Why not begin immediately to work on a fine Christmas Cantata? Our people are ready for it. When well rendered there is nothing more beautiful. And no children can be better employed than in the preparation for it; and no play is more joyous. If you can help in realizing it, do not hesitate to offer your services.

With all our theatres, movies, card parties, joy rides, and all other human entertainments, life would still be monotonous without Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, and the Lord's Day. And cities with all their skyscrapers and public buildings would be much flatter and less beautiful without cathedrals and churches. And any man is less a man without religion. The Universe would be meaningless without God; and God would be meaningless without the Church.

We have just received by mail a booklet, entitled "What Is Best In Society?" advertising, at handsome prices, books on etiquette, laying down numerous rules on how to behave in polite society. But what is really best in society is much simpler and more economical. It is a pure heart and a devout soul. The possessor of these, plus what our schools teach, will need no other instructions in proper manners, no more than a handsome face needs rouge.

This is an answer to a question put to us over the phone by an unknown person, and it led us to think that there might be others interested in the question; hence this article:

"Hello, is this Kensington 5499?" "Yes." "Will you please tell me who was the first Pope of Rome?" "We do not know." "Is it not in the Bible?" "No, the Bible has nothing to do with Popes." "Well, where can I find it?" "Look for it in Church History."

Now the history which we were taught in School says: "The History of the Roman bishopric during the first three centuries is almost wholly enveloped in a cloud of legend which is only occasionally broken by a gleam of historical light."

In the Roman Catholic Encyclopedia, published in the interest of the Roman Catholic Church, there is an Article under "Popes" trying to prove that Peter lived in Rome 42-67 A. D., and was martyred with St. Paul during the persecution under Emperor Nero. Then follows a list of "Popes" beginning with St. Peter down to our times. But it is very significant that the

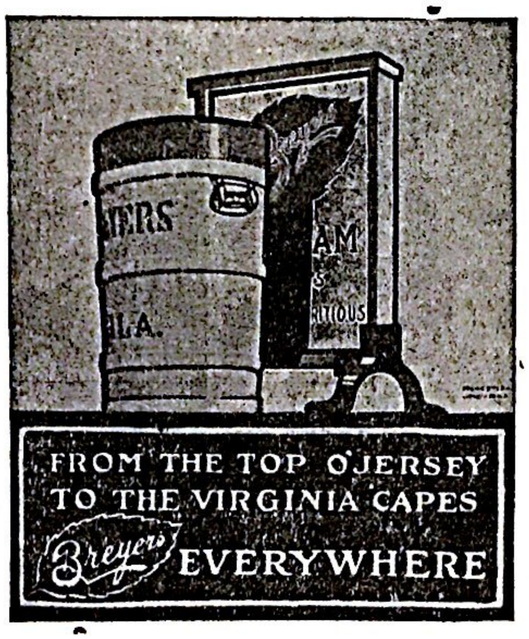
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first eleven names down to 165 A.D. including St. Peter himself has the question mark (?) opposite each name and date. (See Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 12, page 273.) This question mark (?) in literature always signifies doubt, uncertainty.

However, it is a well known fact that the distinctly Roman claims of the Roman Catholic Church of today have grown up gradually through centuries, beginning about 800 A.D., and are based wholly on tradition, legend, and false (manufactured) documents, which are sometimes called "pious frauds." As to their practicability, or expediency, that is another question.

Certain it is, it is impossible to prove them either from the Bible or History.

Says Tom to Dick: "Say, what is all that talk about Evolution? What is it? Can you give a definition of it?" Dick, who is a great reader of the Bible, and who finds in it an answer to every question, and can quote readily a text on any subject, replies: "James, Chap. I, Verse 14: 'Each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death.'" "Why," says Tom, indignantly, "This is no Evolution; this is Devolution." "Well," says Tom, thoughtfully, "outside of that letter D, which stands for the Devil, there is really no vital difference. That, there, fight among Christian people over the long words, Fundamentalism and Modernism, is nothing but the work of the Devil."

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There are still more than two-thirds of our people to be heard from in response to the recent appeal of our Church Council. The Treasurer will be glad to hear from them.

Our Parish Orchestra will give an entertainment and concert November the 6th.

Memorial flowers placed on the Altar as follows: July 1, Mrs. Abrahamson, in memory of her husband. July 29, Mrs. Robert Moffatt, in memory of her mother, Julia Chenot. Sept. 2, Mrs. Slocum, in memory of her mother, Isabelle Swinglehurst, and sister, Sarah Swinglehurst. Sept. 16, Mrs. F. Thompson, in memory of her son Douglas.

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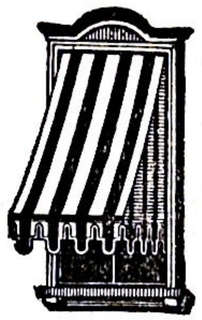
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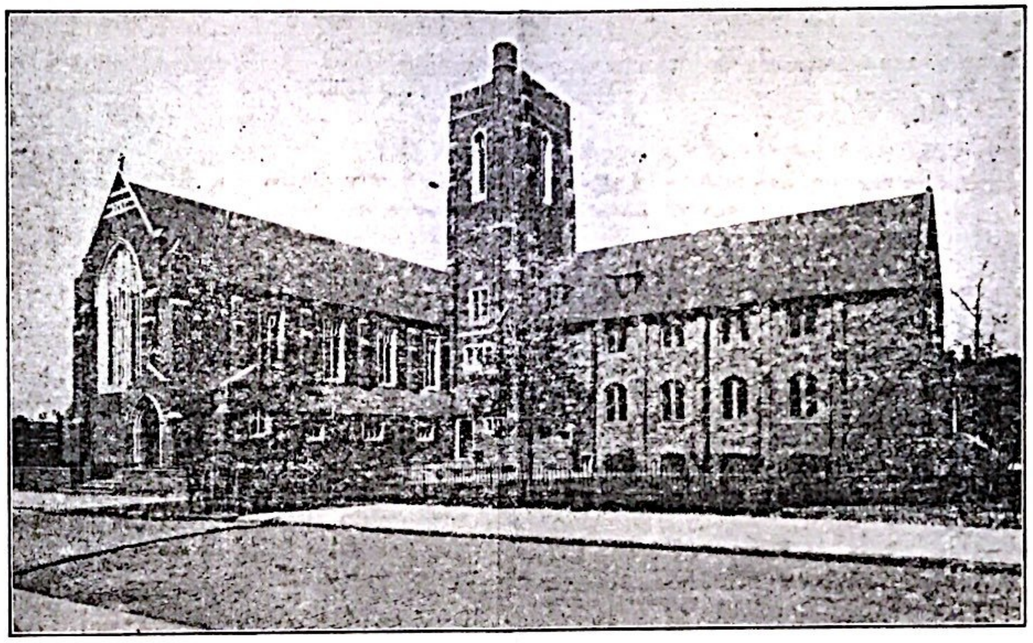
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All people love friendship. It is a God given yearning. Even the most unfriendly wants friends. It is in the nature of God's creation. Interdependence and fellowship is the life of the universe. The mystery of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, helps us best to understand God Himself. God is love. There is no love without companionship. "God so loved the world (His creation) that He sent His only begotten Son, to the end that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (Jn. 3:16). "I am in the Father, and the Father in me" (14:11). "When the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, that proceedeth from the the Father, he shall bear witness of me" (15:26). "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you" (14:26). If we cannot with our limited knowledge explain physically the mystery of the Trinity, we can at least grasp the truth that the nature, or characteristics, of God is fellowship, friendship, brotherhood, love. Love implies fellowship.

Now, it is a fact that all people yearn for these things; for life without them would be like life in a desert, or a jungle, in spite of wealth and luxury. People hunger for friendship, for companionship, for sympathy. They want to be thought of by others. They cannot bear the idea of being forgotten, or passed by unnoticed.

It is a fact also, that nowhere is friendship, and brotherhood, and fellowship, and love, kept foremost in the minds of people more than in the Church. It is doubtful if as much. Especially is this true in the relationship between pastor and people.

The pastor of this Church certainly is very anxious to be in constant and close touch with every one, man, woman and child of his congregation. He should love to visit every family at least once a month. He should love to see every one of the family at least once a week. This he could easily do if all the people would reciprocate his love in a practical way, that is, by faithful attendance in the worship of God on the Lord's Day and at our social gatherings on week days.

But in the absence of such reciprocity, for reasons, or excuses too many to enumerate, the pastor tries to do the next best thing, and that is the publication of ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR, which true to its name visits every one of our families, who desire connection with our Church, every month regularly throughout the year, taking no vacation.

ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR, therefore, is the next best way by which the pastor can come in contact with all of our people at least once a month.

So if by staying away from Church you do not see the pastor oftener, as perhaps you would like, please regard the VISITOR as you would regard a kind letter from a friend who cannot possibly come himself; and treat him as you would one of your best friends by returning his compliment; by letting him know at least that you had received his letter. You surely can find some way to do this. Do it in your own way, but do it, to assure him that his efforts to keep alive sweet friendship and pastoral relationship are not in vain. For your silence may puzzle him, and possibly suggest a doubt in his mind as to whether you desire his friendship at all. And he is the last person on earth to try to impose upon you, or to force his friendship and his his fellowship to your discomfort. But no one appreciates more a little sympathy and fellowship from you than does you pastor. Try to meet him half way, and see.

CONFIRMATION

Once every year the Bishop visits our Church for Confirmation. In our Church it is the office of the Bishop to confirm. It is the office of the minister, or priest, to prepare the people for Confirmation. This way we have inherited from of old. It is the way of the Christian Church from the beginning. "Laying on of Hands," or Confirmation, was received by baptized persons from Apostles, the chief Overseers, or Bishops, of Churches. The early Christian Church adopted this custom as wise and wholesome. It is not because a Bishop is more holy than any other clergyman; but because he holds an office of superintendence. Is it not so in all transactions of human life? How is it on graduation day in schools? It is the principal, the superintendent, the president of a school or college that officiates and confers diplomas or degrees. Is it not so in lodges? Who confers degrees after instruction? In our Church which holds to the threefold ministry of the early Church, Bishops, Priests and Deacons, the one who administers Confirmation is the Bishop, the Overseer, the historic successor of the Apostle. In the Bible, the New Testament, we are told that Peter, and John, and Paul confirmed. They "laid their hands" on the baptized. Time honored practice has shown this custom to be fitting, beautiful and helpful. There is no reason under heaven why people should not receive the rite of Confirmation. There is every reason why they should receive it. Were it not for ignorance, were it not for bad blood, were it not for schism, were it not for prejudice, were it not for sin or fanaticism, no one would ever raise any objection to Confirmation. If all men and women were guided by common sense and the Holy Spirit, all men and women would come to receive the rite of Confirmation. It is a privilege which the Church extends to all children of discretion; not only young but old also; children in the sense when we all call God "Our Father;" all who by baptism become members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven. There is no limit to age, just as there is no limit to God's love for us. There is no young soul or old soul. There is just the human soul to be cared for in this life in preparation for the

life to come. Confirmation is a great help in this preparation.

The pastor will be glad to interview those who are willing to be confirmed. Parents, especially, should lead the way for their children.

THE DUPLEX ENVELOPE

It is called Duplex because it has two pockets. The left pocket, printed in black, is "for ourselves," which means that the offering placed in it goes toward the support of our Church here. The right pocket is printed in red, "for others," which means that the offering put into it goes towards Missions, which is the support of our Church elsewhere, in places where people need the Church, but are too poor to have it. Christian people have always sent help to other Christians in need.

The Duplex Envelope is the most convenient and simplest way to make your offering for the support of the Church; but you must first regard the Church as worthy of your support. Otherwise it may not be so convenient or so simple. Your offering must be the expression of your love for the Church, because of your love of Christ Who is its Founder. Otherwise, even the Duplex Envelope will be some care or a burden to you, and a thing not to be "bothered" with.

On the first Sunday of October a new set of envelopes, one for each Sunday, covering the whole year, is given to each contributor. It is given by request; and it is expected that every member and friend of St. George's Church should ask for it. And because it is not a tax or a bill to be collected by law, it is expected that every holder of a Duplex Envelope act as his own collector for the Church. He should treat the Church even a little better than the insurance agent or the butcher and grocery man. When you give a thing, give it with heart and every courtesy. Put a little love into it. You will like it better yourself. And do not cherish the hallucination that the Church can do its work on wind, or can live without the backing of Church people.

Look to your envelopes; count them, and figure up yourself your arrears; and if your figures do not agree with those of the Treasurer's books, call his attention to it.

The Bible, which is the guide book of every Christian, specifically requires that each person should devote part of his income to religion, or religious work. There is no place of worship without an offering. St. Paul makes it very plain when he writes to the Christians in Corinth: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." The Duplex Envelope certainly makes the compliance with this injunction practicable to every one of us. It is the least every one of us can and ought to do.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"What do you think of it? I have just listened to a fine talk in favor of prohibition by a man whose whiskey breath was strong enough almost to knock me down. Do you know of any bigger hypocrite?" "Yes, lots of them. They are the men and women who show feverish zeal for the Bible, even to the extent of hating people for the Bible's sake, and yet do not lift a finger in the support of the Church. They are the bigger hypocrites. It is like pretending to worship the Constitution of the United States while dodging responsibility to support the government."

Mr. Rufus Tasker has resumed again his noble task of leadership and training of our boys in gymnasium and athletic exercises. The good work which St. George's Gymnasium and Athletic Association is doing for its members under Mr. Tasker's instructions in the way of health is inestimable.

There is no better antidote to present and future ailments among the young than a well regulated and scientifically conducted gymnasium such as we have. At present it is opened to boys only. We heartily wish we might have one also for the girls. The Gymnasium and Athletic Association meets on Friday evening at 7.30. Parents should get their boys to become lively members thereof.

The dates for the FAIR have been fixed for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, December 6-8 inclusive. All societies and guilds are called upon to work for its success. Both officers and members are urged to make their plans now, and secure their tables, or the parts which they wish to play in the FAIR.

Arrangements are being made for the choir to entertain the guests on Thursday evening. Our people are promised a great treat by the choir in the way of a fine musical program on that evening.

On Friday evening our Parish Orchestra will render its musical program.

On Saturday evening our Young People's Fellowship will present some brief sketches for the entertainment of the guests. During the intermissions opportunity will be given for business at the various tables.

The ten cent tickets of admission will be good for ten cents at any of the tables, and will be accepted as cash from purchaser. Here is an opportunity for every man, woman and child to do something for the Church financially.

Members and friends of our congregation are asked to donate such articles as may be sold from the tables. Anything salable, no matter how small, will be thankfully received. Let us all do something for our Church in this FAIR, and have the pleasure of doing it.

There is a play called "THE FOOL" which is gaining in popularity throughout this country, and which grips the hearts of all who see it. We have been fortunate to secure, illustrated by stereopticon slides, the lecture on that play which will be given in the Church at the evening service Sunday, November 4th, at 7.30. We invite all our people to come and see for themselves what this play "THE FOOL" has to teach. The text of this play is, "They called me in the public squares the fool that wears a crown of thorns."

We have received the following letter from our friend Major A. J.

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BAPTISMS

No.
1220, Oct. 2, Thomas Walter Ralston
1221, " 20, Jonas Harry Palmer

MARRIAGES

No.
228, Oct. 3, { Alfred R. Kampf / Elsie F. Strobel
229, Oct. 24, { Thomas F. Hoffman / Margaret Hall
230, Oct. 24, { Arthur H. Leinberry / Caroline C. Raabe

BURIALS

No.
553, Oct. 3, Philip H. Kober
554, " 6, William Rushton
555, " 8, Frederick Kringe

Drexel Biddle, dated October 2: "I have followed up the matter of the new Recreation Building on the Cohocksink playground, and today I am informed that the contract has been let, and the preliminaries have been made for the erection of the building."

The foundation of this building is now being laid, and it is going to be the finest social center for the people of this neighborhood.

About three years ago Major Biddle and the pastor of this Church visited the late Director of Public Welfare, Senator Tustin, and asked him to lend his efforts to our proposition of erecting a recreation building on our public playground. He readily approved our proposition, and immediately joined us in an interview with a leader of the City Council who happened to be then in the City Hall. It was not easy to get his consent to an appropriation of money by the Council for reasons of economy. But we all persevered, and at the end of the interview he promised to grant our request, and he has kept his promise. The matter, however, was dragging very slowly; but we did not give up our frequent solicitations in which Major Biddle took a prominent part. And now we rejoice to see our efforts again crowned with success; another testimony to the truth of our Lord's cheering words: "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." God grant that this community center will be used by the people for the cultivation of good fellowship and love among neighbors.

By the time this number of the VISITOR is printed, the Annual Conference of the Parish Treasurers of the United Thank Offering will have been held, at the Church House, October 25th, and the contribution of our women will have been presented. But it is well to remind our women again that this United Thank Offering is devoted solely towards the support of women missionaries in the missionary fields of our Church. This offering is made twice a year, in October and April, by the women of each Parish, and at the end of every three years the sum total is presented to the General Convention of our Church which meets once in three years.

There can be no sweeter offering made by women.

Thanksgiving Day comes on the 29th of this month. It is a beautiful custom in our Church to begin this day with a Thanksgiving Service at 10.30 in the Church, at which service an offering is made by the people for the support of the Episcopal Hospital. Part of this offering is devoted also to the Northeastern Hospital.

In counting up the things we have, like home, health, food, clothes, friends, etc., etc., on Thanksgiving Day, our own possessions are greatly enriched if we share, even in a small way, with the sick and the needy. This is a law fixed by God Himself. It is the law of love.

Hearty thanks to the women of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, for the auto of flowers which they sent us on Wednesday, September 26th. There were enough flowers to cheer at least fifty homes, and to bring comfort to the sick in the Northeastern Hospital, and last, but not least, to decorate the Altar and Chancel for one of the finest Church weddings in our congregation. The happy couple were both members of our choir, and it was the first wedding in which the whole choir participated.

It is a curious fact, by the way, and quite significant, that of the marriages, eight or more, which sprung from the choir, in which the friendship of the two began and ripened into love, not one is a failure; but all are blessed with domestic felicity. Moral: Join the choir.

The pastor wishes to thank those of the congregation who so kindly provided him with a beautiful stole of the color for Advent season, as well as for the book markers of the same purple color. He very much appreciates their thoughtfulness.

The Welfare Federation strives to have one common chest for all all the contributions made by the public towards all sorts of benevolent institutions including hospitals and rescue missions. Each institution receives support according to its need from the common chest into which public contributions are put. The third annual campaign for such contributions will be held October 24 to November 5. There are now 130 benevolent agencies in this city which appeal to the public for support. Of this number 13 are operated under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. During the past year nearly one million persons have been helped in hospitals, homes for the aged, destitute and blind, orphanages, settlements and educational institutions. Today the 130 agencies represent the largest association of charities in the world. The organizations under Episcopal control are: Church Dispensary of Southwark, Church Home for Children, Church Mission Help, Female Society of Philadelphia for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, Galilee Mission, Hope Day Nursery and Settlement House, House of the Holy Child, The Lighthouse, City Mission, St. Agnes House, St.

Martha's House, Seamen's Church Institute and Sheltering Arms.

It is significant that every one of the so many helpful agencies, perhaps with very rare exceptions, has been brought into existence and kept alive by some Church.

Some benevolent institutions of our Church, like the Episcopal Hospital and others, do not draw their support from the Federation and are not yet in it.

St. George's Parish Orchestra will give its first grand concert in the Parish House, Indiana avenue and Livingston street, Tuesday evening, November 6th, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents.

How would the older boys of the Sunday School, the two or three older classes, like to be united into one Young Men's Bible Class?

There is a marked awakening in the study of the Scriptures among intelligent people. A great biblical scholar said once: "Study the Bible as you would study any other book, and then you will come to see that it is unlike any other book."

It looks as if nothing but the grace of God can keep a person from getting tired of well doing. All other things tend to make him quit, and to "leave it for George to do it." These quitters fail in the work of God and the Church just as one fails who tries to eat his pie and have it too. They want the joy of eternal bliss that is in store for those who do the will of God, and at the same time cling to the things which keep them from doing the will of God. Their own comforts and pleasures they blindly regard, with wilfully shut eyes, as sufficient justification to make the Lord's Day their own day. Now this cannot be done without renouncing the faith of Christ and Him crucified.

"George" never does, and never will do, what you ought to do. He can never make for you the Lord's Day when you use it as your own.

It is true that our Lord said: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." But the Sabbath is not the Lord's Day. No Sunday School can be conducted without teachers, and there can be no public worship without the public. If anyone thinks that he can be a Christian without giving up something for Christ's sake, let him read and ponder the words of our Lord: "If any one cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Now our Lord never teaches to hate anybody. He teaches to love everybody, even our enemies. It is only an emphatic statement that no one can take His place in our hearts; and nothing can take the place of our duty to Him.

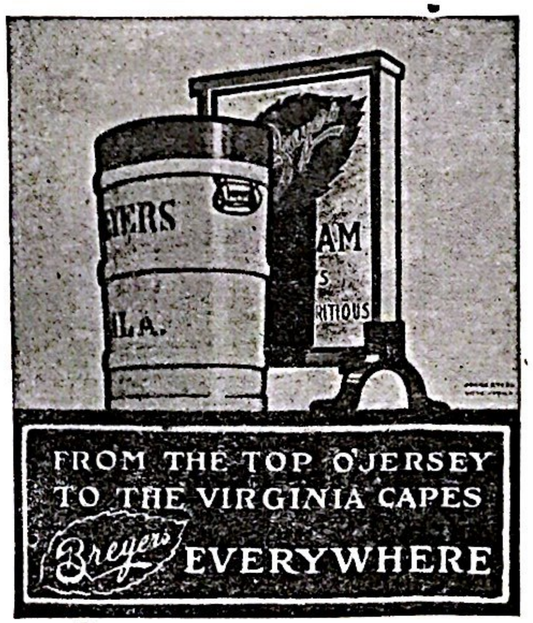
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Alas, we are no more shocked at a Christian who says that he cannot come to Church service, or attend to his class in Sunday School, because he has to enjoy himself on that day.

Mr. Dames, our Treasurer, wishes to acknowlidge with thanks the receipt of the return envelope adressed to him, since last report, from the following: Mrs. A. Abrahamson, Mrs. Mary Barr, Mrs. Ira Flickinger, Mrs. Laura Gilmour, Mrs. E. Kern, Mrs. Millington and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rosewarne, John Johnson.

As you pass by the poster in front of the Parish House which announces the lecture on "THE FOOL," to be given in the Church Sunday evening, November 4th, you will notice that far from detracting, the young "defender of the faith" who fired the stone through the pane rather added a peculiar touch of realism to the picture.

At this writing it is as follows: On top is Hoffman's "Christ's Teaching by the Sea." Then follows the announcement of the lecture. Then the last part of the sentence, the key to the play: "They called me in the public squares the fool that wears a crown of thorns." This and the shattered pane and the stone which broke it and the symbolic drawing at the bottom form a picture of peculiar pathos which appeals to any one who possesses imagination.

The coming Christmas season promises to be the greatest in the history of St. George's Church. We are to have two cantatas, one by the children and another by the Young People's Fellowship on different evenings. Rehearsals have already begun, and they will be kept up twice a week until Christmas. The children are in charge of Miss Marion Clews. This fact in itself insures success.

A bit of local Church History repeating itself: On Thursday evening, about 7 o'clock, October 11th, the front door of the Parish House was bombarded with stones from Indiana avenue.

A rock also was fired through a stained glass window from Livingston street, and nearly hit one of the choir then rehearsing.

The following Sunday night about 10 o'clock a stone was fired at one of our posters in front of the Parish House and shattered the pane which protected it.

The following Tuesday evening, October 16th, about 8 o'clock the pane of the other poster was broken with stones.

It was done by a well organized gang; but no one knows, or will tell, who did it. Certain it is, it was done neither by Jews nor Turks, nor by any heathen, but by "Christians."

At a recent election of the Young People's Fellowship the following officers were elected: President, Miss Ethel Butler; Vice-President, John Enders; Treasurer, Paul Wurst, and Secretary, Miss Marion Clews. The Committee of Arrangement, Miss Ella Rauch, Chairman, is making up the program for the year's activities.

In the November number of *The Delineator* there is a brief characterization of the first lady of the land, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the President. Among other excellent qualities such as self-reliance, thrift, housekeeping, being beloved by all, is the fact that she is a regular Church member and leads in the community sings. "She believes fervently in her God, her country and her family."

Altar flowers were placed as follows: September 26, by Mrs. Schwendemann in memory of her husband; October 7, by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arndt in memory of their son Harry; October 21, by Miss Genevieve Martin.

Do not fail to come to see and hear the most unique, heart-gripping, soul-stirring, daring play, "THE FOOL," in four acts, to be presented by stereopticon illustrations in the Church Sunday evening, November 4th, at 7.30 o'clock. This play by Mr. Channing Pollock, the well know play-right, is the surprising sensation of the modern stage. "It is safe to say," says Basil King in the introduction to the book, "that no one who sees THE FOOL, by Channing Pollock, will ever forget that he has seen it. The dynamic play endures in memory long after it has left the stage. It continues to be talked about."

The doors of the Church will be open at 7 o'clock.

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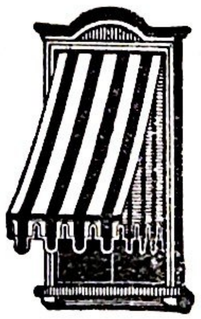
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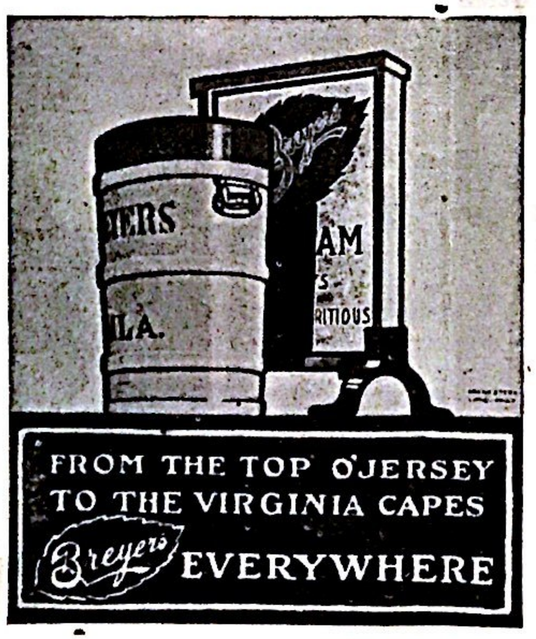
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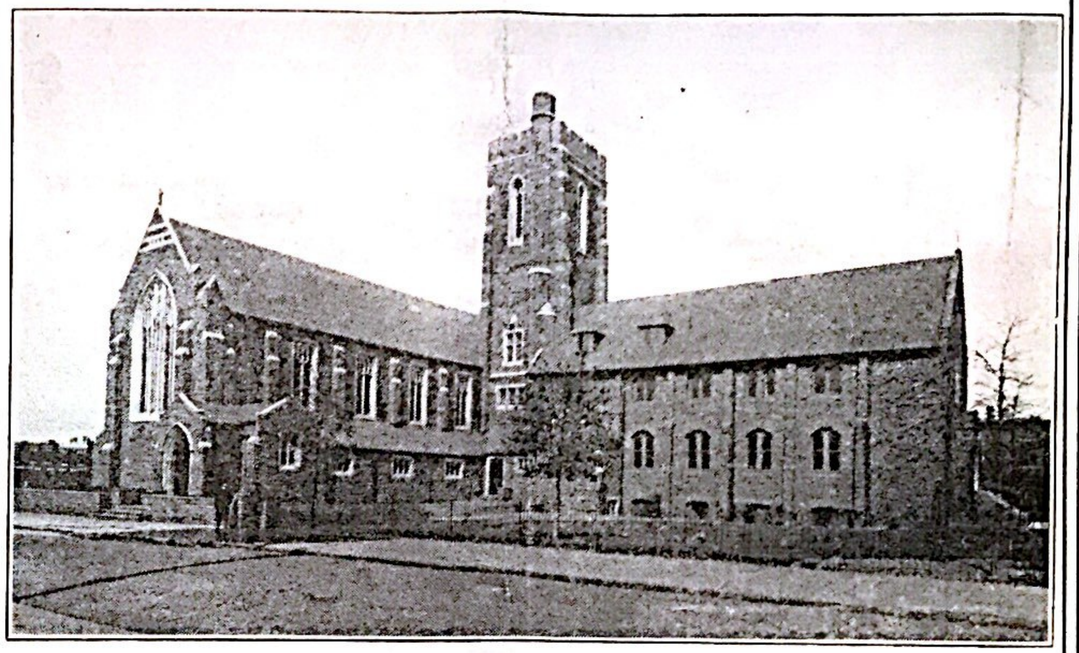
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AGAIN

Again we are at the threshold of Advent. Again is the message of COMING proclaimed from above. Again are we called upon from on high "to wake out of sleep;" the sleep of thoughtlessness, the sleep of self indulgence, the sleep of self satisfaction, and the nightmare of feverish toilsome digging for more means, and of breathless pursuit of happiness never caught.

Again and again comes Advent with its waking message to break the hypnotic spell cast by this world over so many, old and young, that they may open their eyes to the world that is coming.

Again rings the message true: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day." Let us face the future with eyes open, with reason clear, and honest heart. Let us heed the longings of our soul, and listen to the still small voice of our conscience. Has the year just past, passed so swiftly, added anything to our wisdom, knowledge, and Christian experience? This year which made older our body, has it strengthened also our soul? This year which has brought us nearer the end of this life, has it brought us also nearer the beginning of the life to come, of the life that is coming? This year past, so rich in opportunities, are we at its close found to be more profitable to God and to ourselves?

If not, then, here agan, and again is our God given chance. Another Advent, another call, another reminder of our duty to God, and our duty to one another. Shall we not heed it?

The First Sunday in Advent, December 2nd, is the beginning of the new Church Year. It is eminently fit and proper; it is the duty of all Christian people; to begin the Church Year with a service of the Holy Communion, and to continue to prepare in mind and heart for the great Christian feast called Christmas Day.

It is the height of wisdom and propriety to place things where they belong. The fitness of things is most essential to our happiness in this life as well as to the joy in life to come.

There is a blind and selfish way in which if one persists one never attains to happiness either in this or the next life. There is another way in which one may pick up here and there some sweets in this life, but lose life eternal. But the more excellent way is the one whch God shows us through the Church in which if one is faithful he not only has peace and joy here, but he is assured of eternal bliss hereafter. This is the Christian way. We pray that you choose this way for Christ's sake and for the sake of us all.

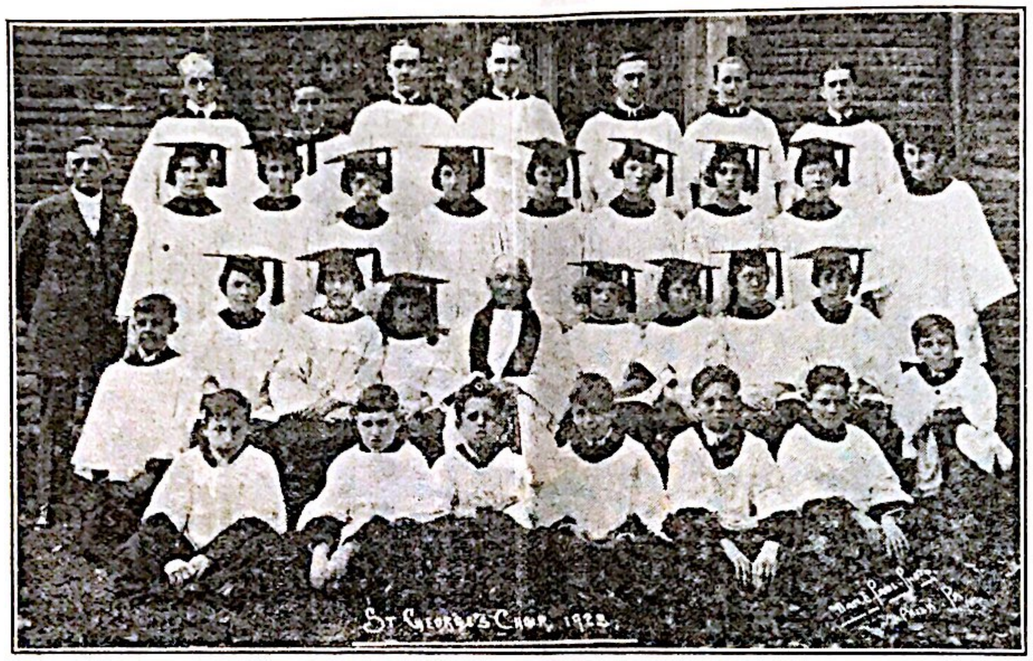
THE DIFFERENCE

Every movement is inevitably followed by some consequence. There is no cause without effect. But the effect differs as the cause

varies. Two and two makes always four; but two and three makes five, always five. If you wish to reach a destination, it makes all the difference in the world whether you take the right road or the wrong road. You cannot paint your house green with red paint. There is a vital difference between white and black. A drop of black into white invariably changes the color; and though the change may be so slight that our eye cannot discern it, still the difference is there. And there is an eye which sees it. This is true also in combinations of chemical substances. An addition of another ingredient to a certain formula will produce a different result. There are mushrooms which to the ordinary eye look alike, yet are entirely unlike in effect on the stomach. One is wholesome while the other is deadly. The fact of difference in cause and effect is so evident that a little child may see it. And yet there are more than few people who think and live as if there were no difference between a Christian life and the life of a heathen; as if in the end it is all the same whether a person lives a life of self-sacrifice or a life of greed and self-gratification at the expense of others; that it is all the same in the end whether one is loyal and faithful to high principles or one whose life is a bundle of deceptions; that it is all the same in the end whether people put themselves out in the support of the Church by giving and serving, or stay away and maintain an indifferent attitude; that it makes no difference in the life of one who loves God and one who does not. Even if the life of a true Christian and the life of a well behaved unbeliever seem outwardly alike, there surely is, according to scientific law, a difference inwardly; and there must be a difference in consequence; since there is a difference in motive. Lack of space forbids discussion of the nature of that difference. Sufficient here to say that there is a tremendous difference between a moral life without religion and a religious life which is also moral.

Some people judge by sight, not by reason, nor even by facts. And so, when they see the saint and the sinner die alike; when the same undertaker attends to both; when the same flowers cover their caskets; when the same service is read by the Minister (as the Father who is in heaven maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust), and when saint and sinner are laid to rest in the same cemetery alike, these people think there is no difference between him who does his duty and him who does it not. These people therefore are likely to follow blindly the precept of the world, quoted by St. Paul from Isaiah: "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die." But St. Paul, the man of faith, speaks more truly and more scientifically when he replies: "Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to move you to shame."

Friends, there is a tremendous difference which according to law is bound to come out sometime. For what we call death is not the end of things. Our Lord says: "If it were not so I would have told you."



ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR

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This choir is making a reputation for good singing.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our Annual Fair will open on Thursday evening, December 6th, with music rendered by the choir, and will continue on Friday evening, and close on Saturday night, December 8th. All the readers of this announcement are urged to come and bring their friends to help to make this fair a success, since it is for the benefit of the Church.

A Church Fair is a great opportunity for doing good. For since it is based upon good will and cheerful giving, it is doing good to the workers, it is doing good to the donors, and it promotes general sociability. Thus everybody is benefited, and no one is loser. And because the financial profit, in addition to all these, goes to help the work of the Church, every act and every move made by any one for the success of the Fair counts doubly for good. A Church Fair is a real success when it is so appreciated.

On Sunday evening, December 16th, at 7.30, our choir will sing the celebrated cantata "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," by J. H. Maunder.

On Christmas Day, at the 10.30 service, the music will be: "Te Deum, Field in D; Anthem, "Sing O Heavens," B. Tours; Sanctus, Agnes Dei, and Gloria in Excelsis in C, Butcher.

On Sunday after Christmas, at 7.30 P. M., there will be a special service of Christmas music.

Our people will do well to mark these dates so as not to miss any of these services.

There was a very large attendance in the Church the evening of November 4th, when the stereopticon lecture on Channing Pollock's play "The Fool," was given. It was read exceedingly well by Mr. Harry Mehaffey, and equally well were the pictures shown by Mr. Joseph Cook, who operated his own stereopticon. The services, freely given by these gentlemen, are much appreciated.

The children's social, given by Mrs. Rosewarne, October 23rd, for the benefit of the Church, was a great success. Everybody enjoyed it, and the Church was helped to the extent of $10.95 besides. We should not mind having a few more like it.

Our Fair, which is to be opened on Thursday evening, December 6th, and be closed Saturday, the 8th, will have in addition to well stocked counters, the following attractions: Thursday evening, music by the choir; Friday evening, music by the orchestra, and Saturday evening, a sketch by the Young People's Fellowship. Let us have a good turnout.

The beautifully embroidered pulpit fall donated by Mrs. Kaufmann, which now adorns our pulpit, is the expression of a beautiful spirit back of it. The idea of it originated first in the mind and heart of the late president of our Woman's Guild, Mrs. Moffatt, who hoped that she might have the joy of seeing her idea realized on Christmas Day. But she had taken sick meantime, and out of deference to her the members of the Guild hastened the work, so that she might see, while yet in the body, the pulpit adornment for which she longed. The work was being done in cooperation with the Diocesan Altar Guild. It was finished just as Mrs. Moffatt fell asleep; but the beautiful ornament adorned the pulpit at her funeral service in the Church which she loved, as a memorial of her.

We all owe much to the Misses Pritchett, prominent members of the Diocesan Altar Guild, who themselves helped in the completion of the pulpit fall that it might be appropr'ately used on Saturday, November 10th, the day on which Mrs. Moffatt's hosts of friends came to Church to pay her their last respects.

The sweet memory of Mrs. Moffatt will always hover around

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BAPTISMS

No.
1222, Nov. 11, Thomas Joseph Weston
1223, " 18, Walter John Payne
1224, " 25, Earl Vanderslice Wisler

MARRIAGES

No.
231, Nov. 8, { Robert Ritchie / Elizabeth Johnston

BURIALS

No.
557, Nov. 10, Bridget White
558, " 10, Leonore J. Moffatt
559, " 30, Harry J. Koch

our Church Altar and pulpit in the decoration of which this godly woman took such an earnest interest.

The Sunday School teachers of the older classes are urged to call the attention of their pupils to Confirmation Day, and furnish the Pastor with the names of those who are ready for Confirmation.

But the real teachers of children and young people are their parents. It is you, fathers and mothers, who should look after the spiritual welfare, as well as the physical improvement of your children; and should keep in constant co-operation with the Church and its Pastor for the good of your own boys and girls.

Do not wait for the Pastor to come to you. It is much more natural for you to come to the Pastor on a question of spiritual welfare of your boy or girl. Confirmation is your opportunity. Come, help yourself and help others in Christian living. For since our days on earth are numbered, let us do as much good as we can. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus: "We must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work." The best work of parents is the training of their children in the Christian life. Confirmation is a helpful means to that end.

We are looking forward with great expectation and pleasure to the Children's Christmas Cantata, to be given Friday evening, December 28th.

The Young People's Fellowship is gradually growing into the thing for which it was organized. In other words, it is making good to be worthy of its name. The aim of course is Christian fellowship. There is no other fellowship worthy of the name. There may be a gang, a group, a crowd, but not a fellowship. A fellowship implies the highest kind of human relationship, flowing from a holy desire to be helpful to others, from a broad charity and deep sympathy, and from a desire to know more that we may love more, and to love that we may know. No member of the Fellowship should wait to be entertained, but should strive to entertain. Hospitality to guests should be of the finest. Activity should be our motto.

The Fellowship is expecting a visit soon from Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, the ardent friend of young people, and the embodiment of fellowship.

At Present the Fellowship is rehearsing a sketch to be given on the closing night of our Fair, Saturday, December 8th.

On January 2nd, in the evening, the Fellowship wll present to our people a Christmas play of unusual interest. Note well the dates.

At a meeting of boys, Thursday evening, December 29th, at which a representative from the Boy Scouts headquarters was present, it was decided that our Troop be revived, and Mr. Karl Shore was placed in charge of the reorganized Troop. That is fine. Keep the banner flying, boys. Hold up the honor of St. George's Parish. We must not be less than others. It is better to be more.

We are glad to grant the hospitality asked for by the girls' basketball team of our public playground, under the leadership of their instructor, Miss Clothier, to use our basement on Tuesday evenings for their exercises in training, while the recreation building on the playground is in process of construction. And we are looking with pleasure to the completion of that building and to witnessing the playful athletic contests of our young people in the well-equipped new public building properly supervised in the interests of the community.

The experiment of merging three Sunday School classes of older boys into a Young Men's Bible Class, under the direction of the Pastor, promises permanent success.

This latest organization in the Sunday School will doubtless add force to its growth and influence. The boys are all well picked and intelligent, and their young organization will doubtless make itself felt in the Church for good.

William Schimpf has been chosen secretary and William Wurst, treasurer, of the Young Men's Bible Class.

There is quite a demand for choir vestments, due to new applicants for admission into the choir and partly due also to the wear and tear of the old.

Some members of our Woman's Guild are making the needed vestments as fast as the material can be bought.

We thank the orchestra for its donation of $10 towards the purchase of material for choir vestments, and we thank the members of the Woman's Guild who cheerfully give their labor in making them.

Since the Guild has taken charge of the choir vestments there has been a wonderful improvement all around in the choir.

The first public concert given by our orchestra, Tuesday, November 6th, was a marked success. The receipts of the evening exceeded

$20, of which $10 was donated to the Church for the purpose of choir vestment material.

The instrumental music was supplemented by vocal music by members of the choir. The goodly audience was very well pleased.

Official notice has just come from the Church House, our Diocesan headquarters, that the resignation of Bishop Rhinelander, due to ill health, was accepted by the House of Bishops on November 14th, 1923. No Bishop has shown so much interest and so much zeal in the success of St. George's Mission as did Bishop Rhinelander. Especially has he been active in securing for us our new and beautiful Church building. We know of no other man who loved our people more than he did, and still does. While we regret deeply the loss of his visitations and personal touch, our respect and affection for him will grow and deepen as time goes on, and not less of it also for the one of the noblest women, his wife, Mrs. Rhinelander.

A special convention of the Diocese has been officially called to meet in the Church of the Holy Trinity, at 9.30 A. M., on the 22nd day of January, 1924, for the purpose of electing a Bishop. Missions are represented only by their clergymen, but parishes send in addition three laymen delegates. The three laymen, however, have only one vote. The clergy delegates and lay delegates vote separately. And when both houses cast a majority of votes for the same man he is elected. This is called a concurrent majority vote.

All our people are asked to pray God that the right man be thus chosen to become Bishop of this Diocese, the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Some people think that neither thought nor style is required in prayer to God. They will take thought and care when they are about to ask something from a governor, or a king. They will see to it that the language is proper. They take even more anxious thought and care in style when they write or talk to their sweethearts. In well regulated families children are taught in the manner of addressing their petition to their own father and mother. Yet any old way is sometimes thought by some to be good enough in prayer to God. But the disciples did ask our Lord to teach them to pray, and as a result we have what is known as the Lord's Prayer.

A prayer book therefore is very helpful to one who really wishes to pray, and pray as he ought, just as a hymn book is helpful to the singing of hymns as they ought to be sung.

There may be some who can sing hymns extemporaneously, as some can pray extemporaneously, but they are very few in number. The average man needs a prayer book, as he needs a hymnal, especially in public worship.

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pages for edification? Are you familiar with its contents?

Take just one short prayer, or the Collect, for the first Sunday in Advent: Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever, AMEN.

Or the Collect for the second Sunday in Advent: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou has given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Will some one volunteer to answer the following question which we were recently asked?

Why is it that some people in talking of other things are usually inclined to boast of the things which they *can* do? Indeed, they love to talk of things they *can* do; but when the subject of conversation is the Church, then they will tell you of all the things they *cannot* do; things in heaven above, in the earth beneath, and in the water under the earth, with such a powerful eloquence and vividness of description that defies all contradiction, leaving you spell bound and almost helpless.

We are asked for an explanation of this phenomenon. Is there any one who can give the explanation?

Now and then you hear people say that one has better luck when he goes to Church. This is a truth crudely expressed. There is no doubt a difference invisibly made in the daily life of him who regularly attends divine worship and him who does not; and the difference is certainly in favor of him who does attend Church services. But if things run more smoothly for him who does go to Church, it is not "luck" that does it. It is his effort to conform his life to the will of God. It is because he seeks the right way of life as God has ordained for man to follow. Obedience to God's laws is the only way to overcome difficulties, and make crooked paths straight. The truant boy always cheats himself. And the truant Christian does the same. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scoffing. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the stream of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also doth not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1).

You see, the tree prospers because it is planted by the streams of water; and a man prospers when he is bound by the laws of God, and moves in the atmosphere of God's household, and is impelled to act by the Spirit of God, and walks humbly close to God. This is really meant when people say that you have better luck when you go to Church. They mean more than they say. They are right in their meaning. And this in spite of the fact that some think they prosper better when they stay away from Church. Alas, it is the evanescent prosperity of the truant boy or girl!

Again we wish to remind all our readers, old or young, of their opportunity to support the greatest institution in the world, the Church. Of course, the Church will go on whether you help to support it or not; but you can never get its benefits in the same measure as when you do support it. When our Lord said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," He only stated an eternal truth. The duplex envelope which we offer to our people as a way to support the Church is the most convenient for both the Church and the subscriber alike. Just a little care taken in the regular use of the envelopes is all that is needed. And surely the Church is worthy even of your best efforts. Look to your envelopes, and you will enjoy the experiment.

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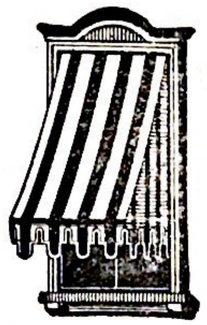
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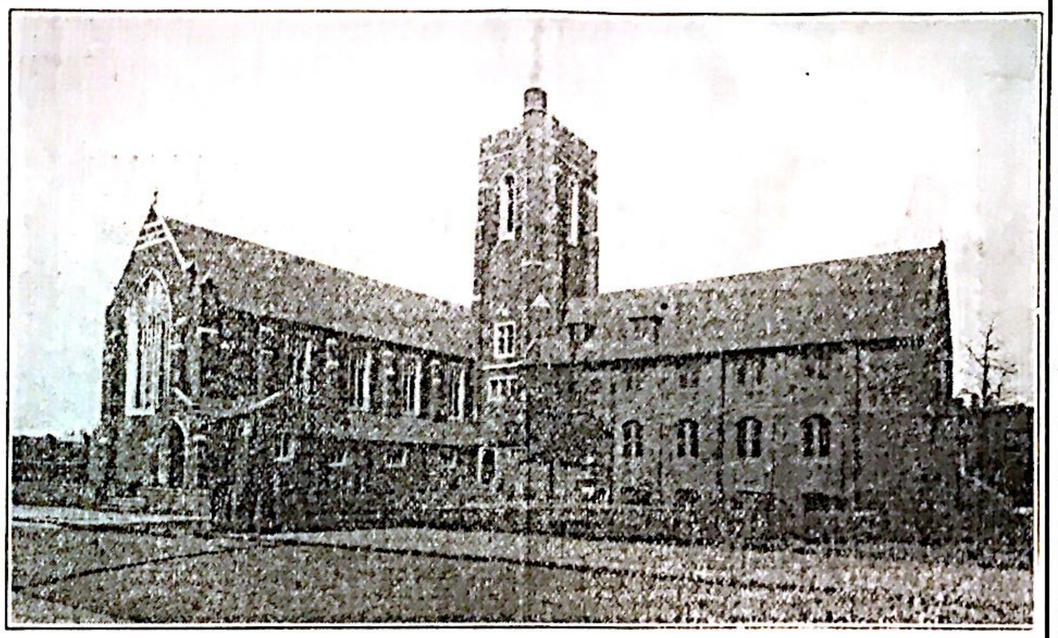
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I wish you, and all who belong to you, a happy and prosperous New Year. I am sure it will be so to you, if you accept it as it is written above, and as it should be accepted, namely, 1924 A. D., Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord.

This explanatory phrase, "In the year of our Lord," gives to the cold figures 1924 a colorful meaning. It transfigures them into a wonderful image of life teeming with opportunities for noble deeds in which our soul delights.

The world is much older than 1924. Yet many peoples, capable of highest civilization, have one after another chosen to number their years from the birth of Christ in Bethlehem; and in all their solemn transactions they are very particular in designating the year as the year of our Lord.

And as there is no event in our life more solemn than the beginning of a New Year, I wish to commend 1924 to you as the year of our Lord. For our true happiness and prosperity in the New Year really begins with the recognition of the fact that it is the Lord's. The failure in life is chiefly the result of ignoring the fact that the extension of our life here to another year is by permission of God. It is another of God's gifts to us to be utilized in a manner worthy of the Giver. Once you honestly and faithfully accept it as such, you are already on the right road to success. Make no mistake, the year is the Lord's and no one's else.

If in years past you have not so regarded them, through various causes, God in His mercy gives you another year to redeem them for your success in the life to come. Every year comes to us fresh from God with the message: "It is not yet too late to redeem the past for the future. Take me and use me in accordance with the will and purpose of Him who has sent me to you and your success is assured."

Is it not true that all of our success is found in **being successful in doing the right thing?** And is it not equally true that being successful in doing the wrong thing is failure already, no matter how successful we may be? In fact, the more successful we are in doing the wrong thing, or in not doing the right thing (which is the same thing), the greater is the failure.

If I have succeeded in deceiving, I am a failure; I am not prospering. If I have succeeded in neglecting my duty, either to God or neighbor, I am a failure; I am not prospering. Our great success and prosperity is in doing what we ought to do. This is the universal verdict in the last day; and the last day counts for everything.

Twenty-three years have passed in the renewed effort of building up St. George's Church in this neighborhood. We began with very little, even less than

little. Most people looked upon our work with favor. For the work of building up a Church is always regarded as good work by all sensible people. We were successful from the very beginning, because we were engaged in doing the right thing. I speak for all who worked with me. Some are no more with us in the flesh. Many have moved to other parts of the city and country. Others took their places. And so we have succeeded, we have prospered. But the degree of our success and prosperity as a congregation is measured by the effort put forth by each member to do the right thing. Our success would certainly have been much greater to the satisfaction of all of us, if more members did the right thing. And surely, we should have been most prosperous if all the members did the right thing.

The New Year, the year of our Lord, 1924, comes to us from God as an opportunity to make good, And there is not one who cannot avail himself of this opportunity.

If your interest and participation in the welfare of our Church has not been what it should have been, receive the New Year from God as another chance to make good. If for some reason or another you have neglected spiritual exercise, and your heart has grown cold to religious emotion, and you are not drawn to Church services on the Lord's Day. And if in consequence thereof our Lord's words, "This Do in Remembrance of Me," have lost their meaning to you in the years gone; here is a New Year fresh from God, offering you the opportunity of rekindling your soul with fire taken from the Altar; of quickening your heart by the Word of God read in the Church from Holy Scriptures; of brightening your life by the comfort of prayer and praise in the House of our God, the Father of us all. For look how short life is here, and how long life is hereafter. And "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mk. 8:36).

CONFIRMATION

In what better way can you begin the New Year, the year of our Lord, than by an effort of reconsecration and rededication of self to the service of God? Every use and rite in our Church is symbolic of the deepest spiritual meaning, just as it is in all religious communions. But we deem it wise to adhere to such rites and ceremonies the origin of which is found in Holy Scriptures. Confirmation is one of them. Just as it is plain from Scriptures that our Lord commanded us to be baptized, so it is plain that the Apostles, and after them those who succeeded them, practiced the Laying on of Hands, or Confirmation. St. Peter and St. John confirmed baptized persons. (See Acts 8:5-17.) St. Paul confirmed baptized person. (See Acts 19:1-7.) The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews (6:1, 2) mentions "Laying on of Hands" as a well established custom in the Church. Add to this the whole history of the Church, and you will see that Confirmation is a most reasonable, helpful,

beautiful custom, to be treasured within the Christian Church.

What better thing then can a person, who is moved to get into closer touch with the spirit of the Church, do than to offer himself or herself for Confirmation?

Now, there is not one word here about age or dress; because there is not one word about age or dress, as qualifications for Confirmation, in the Bible which is our guide. A willing heart no matter how dressed, and an intelligent mind, no matter how young or old, is eligible for Confirmation.

The only qualification for Confirmation is Baptism and the ratification of the promises made in Baptism either by the person baptized, or by the sponsors made in case of infant Baptism. This means the use of our Lord's Prayer; the acceptance of the Ten Commandments as interpreted by our Lord Jesus, and of the Apostles' Creed as a brief statement of our Faith. Of course "all the other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health" naturally follow these requirements. The study of the Bible, listening to sermons, attendance at Holy Communion, and meetings of praise, prayer and worship; these naturally follow the qualifications for Confirmation; and therein is the value of Confirmation. For we must not overlook the fact that the Holy Spirit is a great factor in Confirmation.

If you love your children, do not underestimate their intelligence, nor their religious capacity. Remember that our Lord did not so underestimate them. And if you wish the child to be confirmed and to grow up into Christian manhood or womanhood, you can do so most successfully by yourself showing the way.

1924 comes to you a white clean page for you to write on. See that it finds its way into the Book of Life.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Most if not all of our people will be pleased to know that our Fair given December 6-8 turned out much better than was expected. This we are sure will interest all, but especially those who worked hard for its success. The gross receipts amounted to $330.96; expenses, $61.90; leaving a net income for the Church, $269.06. There is still some money to come in.

The Fair Committee reports receipts from sources as follows: Junior Marines and Sunday School Class No. 7, $30.00. The Girls' Friendly Society working in conjunction with Sunday School Classes Nos. 6 and 14, $124.02. Mrs. White's table, $35.05. Girls Friendly Society Candidates, $26.60. Sunday School Class No. 4, $16.30. Women's Guild, $92.60. Choir pictures, $6.30. Total, $330.96.

There was music by the choir the first evening. Our orchestra furnished music on the second evening; and on the closing evening the Young People's Fellowship entertained the guests and patrons with a comic sketch. Thus was our Church Fair a success all round, financially and socially, as a Church Fair ought to be. Everybody is satisfied and pleased, especially those who worked for it.

On Tuesday, January 8, at 7.30 P. M. Mrs. Rosewarne will give a children's party. One gets a lot of fun and wholesome enjoyment for ten cents out of these children's parties. We would not miss a children's party for anything in the world.

Two events of much interest will mark Wednesday evening, January 9. One is the Church wedding of one of our finest girls, at 7 o'clock; and the other, the reception given by the Young People's Fellowship to Major Biddle, our dear friend and the friend of young people about 8.30. We are looking forward with keen delight to both of these events.

A very interesting item of news is the report just handed in by Scoutmaster Karl Shore of Troop No. 60. It announces the reorganization and revival of our Boy Scout Troop under the following leadership: John Enders, Senior Patrol Leader; Chester Hartlein, Patrol Leader; Leon Horger, Assistant Patrol Leader; Alvin Ahlers, Scribe; and Chester Hartlein, Reporter to Quaker City Scout Magazine. The Assistant Scoutmasters are: Richard Cline, who is a wireless expert; Thomas Parkin, a veteran Scout, having charge of the hikes of the Troop, and Fred Entwistle who served in the army during the World War. The membership of the Troop for the present is closed. Applicants for admission will be placed on the waiting list; but this will not prevent them from attending the meetings of the Troop, and taking advantage of instructions given to members until a vacancy occurs, or provision is made, for formal admission. The Troop meets every Thursday at 7.30 P. M. Visitors are welcome.

The attendance at Church services of our Polish congregation, going under the name of the Mission of the Holy Redeemer, housed in St. George's Parish House, is gradually growing in size and in spirit. Just now its daily school of about 120 children, in addition to school exercises, is preparing for its annual Christmas Festival and entertainment to be given sometime after New Year's Day under the personal supervision of its most faithful and able pastor, the Rev. John B. Panfil, priest in charge of the Mission. It is always a keen joy and delight to witness the Christmas Festival of these children who are unusually bright and well behaved.

Our choir whose picture appeared in the last issue of "The Visitor" deserves all the praise we can give its members. The Cantata "Penitence, Pardon and Peace," by Maunder, was rendered very well on Sunday evening, December 16, as scheduled; and the Christmas music both on Christmas Day and the Sunday following was sung exceedingly

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BAPTISMS

No.
1225, Dec. 6, Lillian May Hunler
1226, " 6, Joseph George Hunter
1227. " 9, Norman Benj. Hathaway
1228, ' 30, Janet Minnie Utter

BURIALS

No.
560, Dec. 24, Emma Jane Lumb
561, " 26, Harry Thomas Davis
562, " 29, John Graham Welch

well. We are sure our congregation appreciates the efforts of both choir and choirmaster in making our services of worship beautiful in holiness, and spiritually helpful. The latest picture of the choir can be secured in postal card size for ten cents a copy. Every home should have one.

The pastor takes this opportunity of thanking, from the bottom of his heart, all those who have sent him their kindly greetings of the season. He certainly appreciates the spirit which accompanied these beautiful cards. He hopes that these good wishes may be realized according to the will of God; and that the spirit of Christmas and the New Year of our Lord may animate the hearts of all of us with a fresh loyalty to our Church and a more universal appreciation of it.

Now and then for various reasons the pastor is constrained to look over the Church record books, both financial and otherwise; for he is bound to give frequent accounts of his stewardship to the Diocesan authorities. And as he runs over the contributors' records a mingled feeling of gladness and sadness, hope and fear, joy and sorrow, pride and humiliation, alternately, creeps over him. For these records tell the tale of admirable devotion, love and loyalty to the Church on tha part of some, and of light hearted indifference and carelessness on the part of others. He is depressed and perplexed by the low value some of them place upon the Church, since they are kind hearted and well meaning people, and fully able to do better. Is this the result of thoughtlessness? If so, is it not time to become thoughtful? If our Church is worth anything at all, it is worthy of our best endeavor. And pledges to the Church ought to be reverently kept. Our attitude towards our Church should be intelligent, liberal and reverent.

Our Sunday School children have more than made good their promise of an excellent Christmas Cantata on Friday evening, December 28th, under the management and training of Miss Marion Clews. Santa Claus and his fairies were just as real as ever. Any doubting Thomas needs only to look at the towering, gorgeous basket of fruit, and the new tire and inner tube for his Ford which the pastor himself received from the hand of Santa. Let them also ask Mrs. Ross, and Mr. Davis, and Miss Marion Clews and Mr. Butcher, who also received gifts, and the Girls' Friendly Society, and the Candidates, and the Sunday School teachers and children, who were in close communication with Santa, and the big audience, they will testify to the truth of the above statement. It was the best Christmas festival we all enjoyed.

Both our Junior and Senior Basketball Teams won the games played on Saturday evening, December 22nd, in the basement of the Parish House. Our Senior team played against that of Trinity, Oxford, and our Junior team played against that of Port Richmond Methodist Church. Inasmuch as the winning teams had some members belonging to our Young Men's Bible Class, it proves that the study of the Bible far from being a hindrance is rather a help in basketball.

Our orchestra is holding its own; but it needs strengthening by additional talent. Some members have dropped out, and their places are being filled by others. In spite of these changes the orchestra has continued its regular rehearsals on Friday evening, under the able leadership of Mr. Francis Ludlow, violinist. He not only can lead and play the violin, but he is also faithful. He will be glad to consider applications for membership into the orchestra of those whose taste for music is genuine.

It is very gratifying to report that the Thanksgiving offering of our congregation is $75.70, of which $10 has been allotted to the Northeastern Hospital, and the balance to the Episcopal Hospital.

If there is selfishness; if there is godlessness; if there is spiritual blindness, coarseness, stupidity, ignorance; if there is indifference to holy things, lack of good taste, lack of apreciation for the realities of life, of the real joy of life; if there is unwillingness to see and feel the glory which is in Christ Jesus; if some deliberately turn their back on the place where He is heard and worshiped; if they prefer darkness to light, there are still many, in all walks of life, who are "the salt of the earth," "the light of the world," and the hope of civilization. They are the company of the faithful. They are Christian. They believe, they work, they love. Their lives are quiet and peaceful. They are strong in adversity. They move noiselessly like the stars which shine in darkness. They are the chosen of God, fellow workers with Christ, the life of the Church and the hope of the world. We have some of them, and others more or less like them, in St. George's. By their fruits you know them. And this is why St. George's is getting along as it does.

"Dad, what is an engagement?" "An engagement, my boy, is an agreement, a promise to do a certain thing, or to be in a certain place at a specified hour. For instance, membership in a society, or guild, or Church, is an engagement. It precedes all future engagements, and it is therefore always a previous engagement. You can make engagements only one at a time. If you try to make two at one time you have to break one; just as you cannot be engaged to two women at the same time; it is against the law; you have to choose, and your choice will determine your taste and character. That which you prefer proclaims you to the world in louder tone than all your pretensions.

"A sensitive person of fine taste and good breeding is always shocked at anything broken. Even the breaking of a milk bottle by a mischievous boy jars him. He cannot think pleasantly of anything that is shattered, whether it be a beautiful vase with flowers, or a beautiful previous engagement."

The response of the members of our Young Men's Bible Class to the talks on the Bible by their teacher is very gratifying to him. We trust that this interest in the study of the Bible shown by them will grow as we dig deeper into it, and bring to light the hidden treasures of the Book of Life. Do not miss any of the lessons. Remember that the Bible Class, like Church service, is a previous engagement.

Why do some people become alarmed, and hasten to the physician, when they have no appetite to eat; and yet they seem to be perfectly at ease when they find themselves without desire or craving for Church service, or any fellowship in the Christian religion? Is it because they are sure of having a stomach and not so sure of having also a soul? Yet the testimony of the Bible, our Lord Jesus, our own conscience, and of millions of witnesses, is to the effect that while the stomach is temporal the soul is eternal. One ought to be alarmed even more when he begins to lose interest in, or taste for, Church service.

When rational people, who are determined to differ from one another on every question under heaven, agree upon one thing, you may be sure that that thing is as nearly true as the human mind can conceive.

When Christians, divided on every doctrine and usage of the Church, agree that our Lord Jesus is the wisest and best friend of the people of all times and all places; that His integrity is unquestioned; that He is the Master of the human mind and heart, it requires a great deal of contrariness and stubborness and gratuitous disobedience to slight or decline anything reasonable that He asks us to do.

One reasonable thing which He asks to do is Baptism, and to suffer little children to come unto Him, and to remove every obstacle in their way. Are you baptized? Have you all your children baptized? If not, why

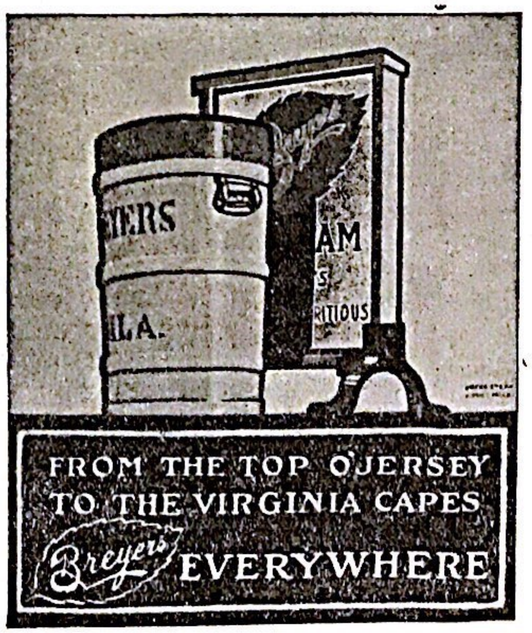
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the delay? Why not comply with our Lord's request? Can we not accept Him at His word?

The other reasonable request, or rather injunction, "This do in Remembrance of Me," is the attendance at Holy Communion. Considering Him who commands, what reason have we to disobey? Is the profit of staying away so great as to outweigh the reverence, loyalty, respect and love we owe Him? Is it wise to disobey Him even if the profit, if there be any profit, be big enough in which we may eternally drown our conscience?

It is gratifying to report that the Christmas offering of our people is about $116.70. We are sure that everybody is glad of it, especially the givers. There is, indeed, a blessing in giving which passes all understanding. And our Lord again is right when He says: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Those who made up the baskets for the needy, and took the trouble to deliver them know in their hearts that this is true.

Our lively Girls' Friendly Society Candidates, whom to know is to love them, and better than whom are found nowhere, have responded liberally to the call for a Christmas box for the children of a Mission in Tennessee. Think of the joy of those mountain children when they open the box.

It swells the heart with secret pride when you hear the unanimous judgment of people that the caroling of our choir members on Christmas morning was sweetest and best of all the others in the neighborhood.

Judging by the quality of their singing at the Church services we are safe to join in this universal judgment.

Our Polish congregation held a midnight service on Christmas eve, conducted by their faithful Priest, the Rev. John B. Panfil, in our Church building, beginning at 10.30 and closing at 12 o'clock. There must have been at least 700 of our Polish brethren. **There was no standing room in the aisles.** There was no special attraction. The children's choir led the congregation in the singing of the old Polish Christmas hymns. But the people came to show their loyalty to Christ on His birthday, and literally filled the Church that "there was no room." It seemed as if they were anxious to pay Him this tribute, **"because there was no room for them in the inn."** (See Luke 2:7.)

The Confirmation class for young people will begin to hold its meetings Tuesday evening, January 8th, from 7 to 8 o'clock. Due notice will be given in case another evening is found preferable.

At these meetings we shall go over the things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health. We promise to make these talks interesting to any one who wishes to come. It will be an hour spent profitably.

The pastor will be glad to get into personal communication with adults desiring to be presented to the Bishop for Confirmation, but cannot conveniently attend the meetings of the Confirmation class. He urges both young and old to consider this opportunity seriously. We trust that their love for the truth, loyalty to Christ, and appreciation of our Church will lead them to accept cheerfully this invitation.

Confirmation is not "turning." Confirmation is confirming, confirming the faith that is in you. Confirmation does not change the Christian faith, it strengthens it. Confirmation means strengthening. This information is for the benefit of those who prefer our Church government and our mode of worship. Confirmation is not giving up anything of the Christian faith, but making it stronger.

Our Gymnasium and Athletic Association has shown good sportsmanship in presenting the Church with a Christmas gift of $10. We wish them a prosperous New Year.

Altar flowers were placed as follows: December 2, by Woman's Guild, in memory of Mrs. Moffatt; December 16th, by Miss Florence Kirchner, in memory of Pearl; Christmas, by Mrs. Abrahamson, in memory of husband, mother and Elizabeth; by Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson, in memory of baby and mother. New Years Day, by Mrs. Charles S. Hinke, in memory of her husband.

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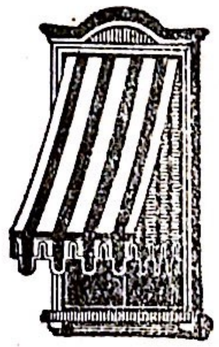
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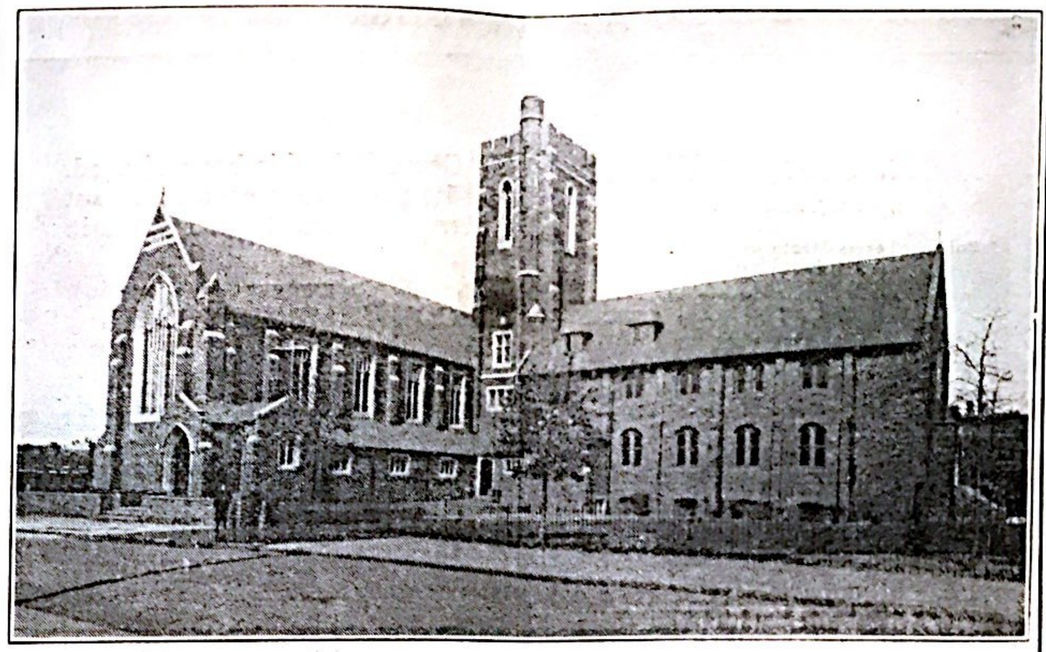
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S. O. S.

This is the wireless signal of distress sent out by a ship in mid-ocean when in dire need of help. We are sending out this signal of distress, hoping it will reach every one of St. George's friends. For on January 21st, a very cold day, the boiler which has heated our Parish House for eighteen years cracked, and was condemned, and we were left in the cold. The Church boiler is not sufficient to heat both the Church and the Parish House, except in very mild weather. The result is our ship, St. George's Church, is laboring on its journey under great difficulties, and is calling for help. To put in another boiler, which must be done quickly, will cost $1200. We could not wait until the money was raised, so we ordered the boiler to be installed, relying upon our people and friends to respond promptly to the S. O. S. signal of St. George's Church, and to help cheerfully to raise the $1200, with the spirit of thanksgiving that no one was hurt in the accident, and no other damage was done. Who knows but that this misfortune is a blessing in disguise, or a test by which our love and loyalty for the Church is being proved. These trials have their uses. Here is a call for help at some sacrifice, the very heart of our religion when it is alive. Come to the help of St. George's in this hour of need. Let its good work go on without interruption, and have a share in it.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Our Confirmation Day is booked for Friday, March 7th, at 8 o'clock in the evening, when the newly-elected Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., will officiate.

There is now a class numbering about forty persons to be confirmed; but we pray and hope that the number may reach fifty. Why not? We have had that number before; and if the hearts of more people are opened to the solicitation of the Spirit of God, which is the Holy Ghost; and if more minds are enlightened by Christ whom St. John the Apostle calls "the true light which lighteth every man, coming into the world"; and if more parents and sponsors in baptism are alive to their solemn promises, made by them at the Baptismal Font for the little ones whom they brought into the Church; and if more people take seriously to heart our Lord's Mission, and give proper value to the Church whose Founder He is, then the size of our Confirmation Class will be twice, yes, three times as large.

A larger Confirmation Class means a larger support for all the things for which our Lord Jesus stands, here and hereafter. A larger Confirmation Class stands for more Faith, more Hope and more Love. A larger Confirmation Class means greater power to overcome evil and greater influence for good; it helps to make right living easier, and promotes peace and joy in the home and in the heart.

A Confirmation Class is the finest and best offering a congregation can present to God, our Father. Of course, we mean a Confirmation Class of sincere men and women and children; a group of people who because they believe in Christ are willing to enlist in His service; and because they regard the Bible as the Book of Life, they are willing to study it and hear it expounded from the pulpit; and because they care for the soul as well as the body, they are anxious to profit by the two Sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, which Christ ordained in His Church. For these Sacraments are outward visible signs, and inward spiritual grace. And furthermore, because they choose to strive to lead a godly and Christian life, they are ready and willing to give to the best of their ability towards the thing for which Christ gave His life. There is no religion without sacrifice; there is no worship without offering.

I ask that our people give a few moments to prayer daily, that on Confirmation Day, March 7th, our congregation offer and present to God and to His service a large Confirmation Class, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Him. And this means less sin and more virtue; less suffering and more joy; less dissension and more peace; less hate and more love, and more progress, and more civilization—it means the coming nearer of the Kingdom of God.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

If nothing interferes we are going to publish again our Parish Year Booklet. This involves much careful work, especially in the list of membership and others affiliated with St. George's Church. We shall appreciate, therefore, every help given us by our Societies and individual members in our effort to avoid errors and slips, and make the Booklet as nearly perfect as possible.

Every year the Minister in Charge of this Mission has to send in to the Bishop a detailed report of all the doings, receipts and expenditures of money, sources from which received and objects on which spent; also a statistical statement of the Minister's official acts, of the congregation, of the communicants, of services, of the Sunday School, of the Parish organizations, and Church property as found at the end of each year.

At the end of every year the Pastor is called upon to examine the Parish Register and revise the list of Communicants; to add those who affiliate themselves with St. George's, and take off the names of those who move from the neighborhood to other churches, or who cease to have any connection with, or interest in, St. George's Church.

At the beginning of the year 1923 we had 402 communicants. During that year 23 were transferred to other parishes, 4 have

gone into life eternal and 32 were removed from the list. Most of the latter have moved from the neighborhood to other localities without leaving any information; the rest, while still in the neighborhood, are fallen by the wayside; but these are very few.

The revised list then shows a membership of 348. We shall come up to our former number of 402 if our Confirmation Class on March 7th reaches the number 54.

During the year 1923 47 were baptized, 33 were confirmed. We had 18 marriages and 27 burials.

Our expense for last year amounted to $7666.88, including $712.13 for Missions and relief work and some diocesan objects.

Our income is still less than our expenses, and therefore we are not self-supporting. This could be easily changed if everyone of our people did his or her duty by the Church.

If all our people who look to St. George's for pastoral care and religious ministration would place the Church on their list of living expenses we should be self-supporting at once.

"By Jove, Jennie, that was a good piece of meat, and altogether a fine supper," said Charlie as he rose with an air of satisfaction from his supper, belated on account of delay in the shop, perhaps on account of some overtime work. "I see you have not yet forgotten your cunning in cooking." The young housekeeper showed evidence of her pleasure at the favorable comment of her appreciative husband, and remarked apologetically that she and the children could not wait for him, and had their supper without him. "And by the way," said Charles, "where is Floss?" "She went to St. George's for choir practice." "And Dan, where is he?" "He went to St. George's to take part in a basketball game." "Hm, well, they are in a good place, better than on the street or the movie. By the way, did you notice the marked improvement in Floss's voice and singing since she joined St. George's choir?" "Yes," answered the wife, "and Dan is continually talking about the Junior Marines, and cannot eat his supper fast enough to get to their meeting. They seem both to be wrapped up in St. George's. By the way, Charlie, the Minister called today." "Did he? What did he say?" "He spoke very nicely of the children and said something about the difficulty in making two ends meet, and mentioned the condemnation of the boiler in the Parish House, and the need of a new boiler. He did not ask for any money, but I feel sure it would please him much if we became contributors to the support of the Church." "Well, Jennie, it is no more than right that we should support the Church. It is one of the things which we easily forget. Fifty cents a week for both of us will not break us, and it will be a fine example for our children, who are liable to grow up altogether too selfish, which is a trait not admired by anybody; and many a parent has suffered from the ingratitude of their own offspring. See that they always give ten cents each at Sunday School offering. This is what my mother always taught me when I was a youngster in Sunday School, and she always saw that her contribution to the Church was sent promptly when she could not bring it herself. But for my mother's teaching you might have had a less generous husband" (he added, with a twinkle in his eye). "Send word to the Minister by the children that we want a set of weekly envelopes at 50 cents a week for both of us, and tell him that we shall come to Church services, too, when possible. We have been a little too negligent in our duty to God, who so far has been very good to us." Whereupon the young wife threw her arms around Charlie and kissed him.

On Saturday evening, January 19th, the school children of our Polish congregation held their Christmas Festival under the direction of the Rev. Panfil, their Pastor. The assembly room of the Parish House was crowded to the doors. Many had to stand for lack of seating room. The program was long and full of interest. The children who participated in the exercises, in Polish and English, displayed some remarkable talent in singing, in oratory, in acting, in music and dancing. All together it was a great entertainment.

The attendance at the Confirmation Classes on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock has been remarkably good. And a finer lot of boys and girls no one could wish for a Confirmation Class. It is a pleasure to talk to them. There is enough latent energy in this group of young people to make a Church most active. We pray and hope that our expectation will, by the grace of God, be realized, and that these promising young people will join the ranks of active workers for Christ and His Church.

The members of the three Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, comprising the Local District, will in a body attend the Evening Service at St. George's Church, Indiana Ave. and Almond St.; in honor of George Washington's Birthday, Sunday evening, February 24th, at 7.30 o'clock precisely.

The Girls' Friendly Society will give a George Washington Birthday Social, in the Parish House on Friday evening, February 22nd, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the heating system. Refreshments will be part of the program. Admission for adults 25c, children 10c.

On the first Sunday of March 2, the Girls' Friendly Society will attend in Corporate Communion at the 10.30 A. M. service.

All officers and members are urged also to be present at the G. F. S. Admission Service at Evening Prayer, at 7.30 o'clock sharp.

There is a fine group of adults who have offered themselves as candidates for Confirmation on the evening of March the 7th. We trust this company will con-

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1229, Jan. 5 Dorothy Ruth Kilgore
1230, " 5, Alice Mary Kilgore
1231, " 20, Elizabelh Alberta Christensen
1232. " 20, Andrew David Christensen
1233, " 23, Dorothy Elizabeth Haas
1234, " 23, William Robert Weinert

MARRIAGES

No.
232, Jan 9, { David Jamieson / Emma L. Matthews

BURIALS

No.
563, Jan. 8, John Blohsfield
564, " 22, John P. Smith

tinue to grow. They do not need any special instruction. They believe in God. They accept the Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed. They like the usages of our Church, our Church government and form of worship. They attend our services, and are familiarizing themselves with the use of the Book of Common Prayer. Their desire is to be of real use to themselves and others in God's family, called the Church. These are all the qualifications for Confirmation. Confirmation is but a source of strength and spiritual help in realizing their noble aspiration. Those who come to Confirmation are merely seeking spiritual help to carry out their good desires, and those who so come to Confirmation receive the spiritual help they seek. The Pastor is very glad to give information and advice to such people, and hopes and prays that many will feel free to communicate with him on this subject.

A little history now and then does not hurt the soul of anybody. And there are some things everybody ought to know. They are in brief as follows:

The birth of the Christian Church took place on the Jewish feast day, the Day of Pentecost, about 33 A. D.

The first Church Council, called also Apostolic Council, was held in Jerusalem about 52 A. D. to settle a question of Church discipline, or qualification of Gentile applicants for membership in the Church. St. Peter was one of the speakers, but St. James presided and rendered the decision. (Acts 15.) He is therefore regarded as the first Bishop of the Christian Church.

During the following six or seven centuries there were held Synods and Councils by the Bishops of the Church in various cities and countries, including the city of Rome. But it is remarkable that none of the seven General Councils, called also Ecumenical Councils, because they were regarded as representative

of the whole Church, or what is called in the Apostles' Creed, the Holy Catholic Church, and covering a period from 325 to 787 A. D., none of these, in spite of their importance and authority, not one of these was held in Rome. The cities in which they were held during this long period are Nicaea (325 A. D.), Constantinople (381), Ephesus (431), Chalcedon (451), Constantinople (553 and 680), and Nicaea (787 A. D.).

They were all held in the East, and at not one of them did a Bishop of Rome, or, as he is now called, Pope, preside or act as chairman of the Council.

It is not to be wondered therefore that when about 800 A. D. the Bishop of Rome at that time began to lay the foundation of the Roman Catholic Church that the Bishops of the Churches in the East, where these Ecumenical Councils had been held, should protest vigorously against his claim to supremacy. 800 A. D. therefore marks the beginning of the first split in the Church, which split reaches down to the present day. In 1054 A. D. this division in the Catholic Church was officially proclaimed. The Eastern Church, or, as it is called, also the Greek Catholic or Orthodox Church, has never recognized the authority of the Roman Papacy which, erroneously, traces its beginning to St. Peter at Jerusalem. Over one hundred million members of the Greek Church of today repudiate this claim.

Christianity found its way to Britain, now England, before the year 200 A. D., and continued to exist and grow apart from Rome, outside the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome.

In 596 A. D. the Bishop of Rome, Gregory the Great, sent Augustine on a mission to England for the purpose of converting to Christianity the heathen Angles and Saxons who invaded Britain and took away most of the land of the British people and settled thereon. This mission was the beginning of Roman influence over the Church in England. The heathen invaders of Britain naturally yielded more readily to the Christian teaching of Augustine than to that of the Bishops of the people whom they robbed of their land. There was certainly no love between the conquerors and the conquered. In spite of all this and subsequent events, the Church in England has never been wholly Romanized, as was the case in Italy, Spain and Austria. The liberty-loving people of England have always protested against the encroachments of Rome up to the Reformation, 1534-1563 A. D., when the nation officially renounced Papacy.

Papacy grew and developed apace 800-1200. Of course, it was not always smooth sailing. But after 1200, with the growth of education and enlightenment and independent thinking, and the study of the Bible and other ancient books, and political changes and growth of modern nations, of the spirit of nationalism, and the discovery of pious frauds, papal power began to decline and has continued so until this day. The

Pope now is practically a prisoner of war, shut up in the Vatican, and deprived of his temporal power over Italy, as king of Italy, during the Italian Revolution of 1870.

The efforts which were made, and means used, to stop Papal decline resulted in a great outbreak, called the Reformation, both in England and on the continent. Promises made to the people to reform abuses within the Church were continually made and continually broken. Then the people took the brooms in their own hands and did some cleaning. In their madness (who can blame them?) some went too far and scrubbed too hard, with the inevitable consequences. Others kept their heads. Among these are the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. But they all meant well, and some day they all—the Lutherans, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Baptists, Methodists, and all the others—will be again one Catholic and Apostolic Church, as we pray in our Book of Common Prayer, in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

The Kaffee Klatch given by our Woman's Guild Friday evening, January 25th, for the benefit of the Church, was a great success in every way.

Our young people will give an entertainment in the Seamen's Mission, Front and Queen streets, Tuesday evening, February 5th.

We take pleasure in congratulating Miss Marion Gannon upon her graduation with honors from the Kensington High School, Thursday evening, January the 24th. She is going to take a course in the Normal School to fit herself for the highest profession there is, namely, teaching. She has always been a faithful Church girl, serving in the choir and Sunday School. Girls like her are bound to succeed, and we wish her Godspeed.

On Tuesday, January 29th, we witnessed with profound pleasure the graduation exercises of a class in James Martin's School in which three of our best girls distinguished themselves. They are Florence Davidson, Martha Martin and Mary Stott. We trust that these promising girls will see their way clear to go up higher, and follow up their education in the high school, and we wish them all God's blessing and the joy of life. We shall watch their career with great interest.

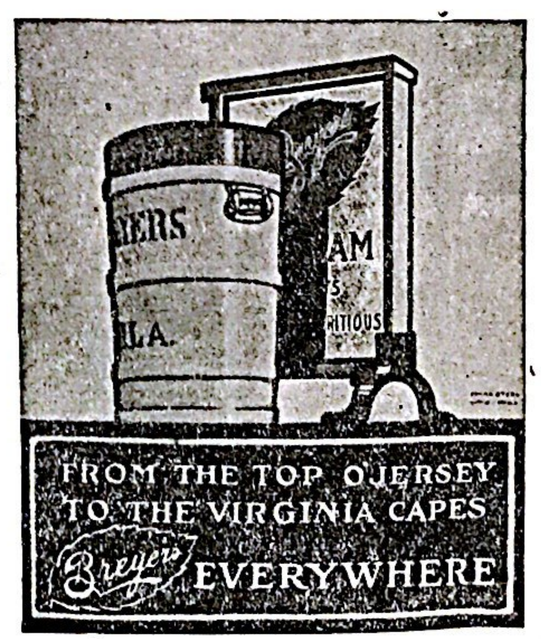
Since the Parish House boiler has cracked, and while waiting for the new boiler, and rubbing our hands to keep warm, I have been thinking seriously on the virtues of cold and heat. For both have their uses. Heat sets things in motion, which is a sign of life. When you sit alone under an overweight of responsibility, real or imaginary, and in a chilling room, the touch of a warm

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heart and a warm hand is quite quickening; but the churlish chiding of winter's wind also has its uses. A real cold shoulder turned on you challenges your manhood and fires your determination to overcome difficulties by doubling your wit and energy. Both heat and cold, therefore, are our friends. Our deadly enemy is lukewarmness, which is neither hot nor cold. Indifference has a paralyzing, killing influence and effect. This is true in all phases of life; in married life, in friendship, in business and in religion. Our Lord expressed His utter abhorrence of lukewarmness or indifference. He says to the indifferent: "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So because thou art lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth." The last sentence refers to the natural rejection by the human system of lukewarm water, which often makes us vomit.

Dear reader: Whatever you be to the Church, be not indifferent to it. Love it, support it, work for its welfare, if you think it has a reason for its existence. Hate it, work against it, strive to destroy it, if you think that it has neither reason nor use in the world. But for God's sake, your own sake, and the sake of all of us, including our children, **do not be indifferent.**

Theodore Roosevelt, than whom no man has had a clearer insight into human nature, says: "The man or woman who makes up for ten days' indifference to duty by an eleventh-day morbid repentance about that duty is of scant use in the world." There is nothing more pitiful than a person of little use, and therefore little worth. Your use and your worth are not measured by the size of position you occupy. But if you fill the small position well, you are of more use and more worth than he who through indifference falls down on his job in his big position. There is no one in St. George's Church who cannot be of utmost use and worth, since there is in it a great variety of positions of usefulness both great and small. The finest tribute to any person going into eternity is: "He (or she) has done his (or her) best."

St. George's Basketball team has thus far had a very successful season, losing but two games, one of which was lost on our home floor. The scores are as follows: January 5, St. George's 18, First Presbyterian 17; January 8, St. George's 18, Grace Presbyterian 36; January 11, St. George's 38, 108th Field Artillery 12; January 15, St. George's 15, Trinity Oxford 9; January 25, St. George's 12, St. Andrew's Reformed 23; January 26, St. George's 26, Wolstenhome 22.

During this month St. George's is to meet in games the following: February 7, Seventh Street M. E. Church; the 9th, St. Wolfred, Camden; the 12th, St. Andrew's Reformed; the 16th, Vim,

at Machinists' Temple, 13th and Spring Garden streets, and 23rd, Swedesboro team, N. J. We hope our team will win them all.

Our latest trial in losing the Parish House boiler and the facing of a bill of $1200 for installing of a new boiler should stir up to activity every one of our working societies and guilds to the utmost in trying to raise that amount. The Parish House is the home of all of us. We have all enjoyed in a large measure its unstinted hospitality and the free use of it. All this we hope to continue even more so in the future, and therefore it is quite proper and fair that all our societies and all our people should rally to the help of the Parish House to meet this bill of $1200. Let everybody do his or her honest best, and this giant bill, now frowning upon us, will disappear like the dark cloud making way for cheering sunshine. Let us hasten the date of a grand celebration of this mortgage-burning entertainment.

Flowers were placed on the Altar on January 13th by John Saybolt in memory of his wife, Emma.

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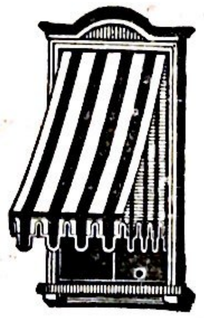
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NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time. If St. George's was ever in need of help, and you able to help, this is the time. If there was ever a time when you could show your loyalty and friendship for St. George's most effectively, now is the time. You know that the old heater which warmed our Parish House, in which so much life and activity are going on, suddenly broke down when the cold was hardest. It was freezing and there was no time to hesitate. The work of the Sunday School and of the many societies had to go on. And so we ordered at once the installation of a new boiler, relying entirely upon your ready help. The cost is $1200. Even in this misfortune God has been good to us in that no one was hurt by the accident. The contribution of $5 per family, in lump sum or by installments, will be a pleasure, we are sure, to every one who loves St. George's, and wishes to see its work go on unhindered and unhampered by cold or debt. Already the people are coming up to the help of our Church, and contributions are being received. But we should like to have *all* of our people have a share in the raising of the $1200, both big and little. Let us show to the world how much we love St. George's, and how much we appreciate the good it is doing for our children and all the rest of us; and let us have the joy of participating in the burning of the mortgage at the no distant future.

CONFIRMATION DAY

On Friday evening, March 7th, at 8 o'clock, the Bishop will officiate at the service at which we all hope to present to him a large company of good people for Confirmation. The glory of a congregation is the size and quality of the Confirmation Class presented to the Bishop on his visit to the Parish. Every person who feels at home in our Church should offer himself or herself for membership in that Class in order that he or she may feel still more at home in God's household. The best qualification for such membership is an earnest desire to know more of Christ by coming nearer to Him, being thus guided by the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a manifestation of being guided by the Holy Spirit. He leads and guides people in the right direction. Godward is the right direction for all people. God grant that we may have a goodly company of people take the right direction on Friday evening, March 7th.

STRANGE CONVERSATION

After many years of separation since their graduation from college, two young men, now well settled in life, one a clergyman and the other a lawyer, happened to meet one day at a club room. Needless to say that they were both overjoyed to meet again. After recalling to each other

pleasantly the experiences of their happy college life in the past, their conversation became more and more intimate and serious as it drew nearer concerning the things of the present. There followed a few moments of silence which was presently broken by the young lawyer. "John," he began in a voice of unmistakable earnestness and a touch of what may well nigh be called anguish of soul, "John, I am a most unhappy man; and I find it almost impossible to shake myself free from this distressing feeling. I know not why. For I am more than moderately successful in business. I do not lack comfort. I enjoy the respect of my associates. Many others in my place might count themselves very happy. And yet I am miserable. I am trying to drown this feeling in hard work, and am only partially successful. For the moment I stop working that cursed feeling of loneliness, or that nameless thing, called unhappiness, takes possession of me, and makes life for me intolerable. In moments of desperation I have been thinking of reckless remedies. One of them is matrimony. But remedies may prove worse than the cure. I know there must be something which keeps people in happiness, though I cannot take myself to the things which seem to make so many people happy. I confess, I doubt the efficacy of those things. These monotonous rounds of pleasure seeking and pleasure making do not appeal to me at all."

The young clergyman listened in deep sympathy to the painful outpouring of the overflowing heart, the sorrowful heart of his dear friend whom he loved in his college days, and then quietly said: "Charles, there is only one remedy that cures a case like yours, and that is, suicide."

"What?" gasped the young lawyer, as if stung, "you are not mocking me, John?"

"No, my friend, I am not mocking you, I am in dead earnest when I say that suicide is your only salvation. Of course, I do not mean the destruction of, or the doing away with, your body. The killing of the body does not help any. It only makes the matter worse. It may still more aggravate your unhappiness and prolong it into eternity. But by suicide I mean the killing of self in the sense in which our Lord used it when He said: 'Whosoever would save his life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.' You need the complete annihilation of self to gain the happiness which you crave. I suspect that you are confusing self-enjoyment with happiness. They are contradictory. They do not go together. They rather militate against each other. Those who enjoy themselves know no happiness. You remember the farmer's pigsty we passed by one day together. You remember how you gazed wistfully at the enjoyment of those animals in their paradise. And you remember how you resented when I asked you how you would like to be one of them. 'Not on your life,' you shouted, 'not even if I have to suffer eternal hunger and privation.' Now, there are many people who find their happiness in self-enjoyment; but you are not made like them, else you might have been happy all the time

long ago, for you can afford it, as they can, and do. But there is something in that kind of enjoyment which repels you, and when you try it you are doubly disgusted, and become twice as unhappy as you were before. There is that kind of soul in you which will not be satisfied with anything less than the noblest and best, which cannot be happy when it enjoys itself, but which finds happiness when it works for the enjoyment of others. Again our Lord is right: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

"Nothing which does not last can make you happy. Only that which is eternal is the life of your happiness. Would you have it otherwise? Would you be more grateful to your creator if He gave you a soul that could find its supreme happiness in the ordinary rounds of pleasure seeking? Would you have your happiness cease in the ending of enjoyment? Did Moses enjoy himself? Did John the Baptist enjoy himself? Did any Prophets and Apostles enjoy themselves? Did Christ enjoy Himself? Did any of the best men and women in history enjoy themselves? Do any of our best men and women today enjoy themselves? And yet they all belong to the happiest company of mankind. The secret of happiness is love in its true meaning. It is that which concerns itself with the improvement of others. It is love of justice, of purity; it is hunger after righteousness. It is a desire to help the less fortunate. It is a life of deeds which win the respect and affection of others as well as the approval of God.

"There are many noble souls who seek happiness in baser things by artificially debasing themselves. It in a case of Dr. Jekyll trying to find happiness in Mr. Hyde. But it always ends in Mr. Hyde. Mr. Hyde may in himself be happy; but can Dr. Jekyll find happiness in Mr. Hyde? No more than you could find happiness in the pigsty. Every one of us has a Mr. Hyde in him. To be happy we must kill him before he kills us. This is what I mean by suicide.

"Happiness is not in the ripples stirred by the winds, but in the serene deep of the eternal; not in the blinding sunlight, but in the peaceful twilight. It is not in the body, but in the soul. In the service of God and men I find my happiness. In the service of God and men shall every soul find happiness, and in nothing else. The New Testament philosophy of life is the true philosophy of supreme human happiness. Christ, the great teacher of life eternal, is the way to supreme happiness."

"I understand you," said the young lawyer with suppressed emotion. The two friends rose, shook hands in silence, and went their ways.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lent begins this year with Wednesday, March 5. On that first day of Lent services will be held in the Church at 10.30 in the morning and at 8 o'clock in the evening; and thereafter every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock throughout Lent. The last week in Lent, which is called Holy Week, services will be held in the Church also on Thursday evening, and on Good Friday both morning and evening.

During Lent we commemorate the Fasting and Temptation of our Lord in the Wilderness at the beginning of His Ministry, accounts of which are given in the Gospels according to St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke.

A sense of propriety and fitness naturally leads Christian people to a curtailment of pleasure seeking, and to the giving more of their time to prayer and good works.

It is during this season that Christian people save up for their Easter Offering towards the support of the Church here; and our Sunday School children are practicing self-denial to fill their Lenten boxes with their offering towards the Missionary work of the Church elsewhere.

Lent is on the whole a wholesome sobering up for Christ's sake which is really the same as saying for our own sake.

If we are true to ourselves as Christian men and women we shall choose to observe Lent decently and with due consideration to its spirit.

We have just sent to the Bishop our annual report of all the doings in detail of this Church during the year 1923. This includes also all the receipts and expenditures, the sources received from and the objects on which the money was spent. The official auditors of the Convocation have examined our books, and have attested to the correctness of the report.

It would take too much space to enumerate here the more than one hundred items reported in figures, the sum totals of a year's work and business. But we may say that many of our families have moved away to other localities reducing our mailing list to 320 families. If our Confirmation Class, March 7th, number 52, we shall have the same number of Communicants as last year, namely, 402.

During the last year we had 47 Baptisms, 33 Confirmations, 18 Marriages and 27 Burials.

The total membership of our Sunday School is 362. The total membership of our working Societies is 254. Of course some of these are members of more than one Society.

Our total expenses for the year is $7610.13. This includes $677.13 for Missions and Benevolences.

In spite of the great work done, it is still not to our credit that we are not yet self-supporting; that is, we do not pay our own way. And yet if 300 of our 320 families contributed 50 cents a week we should have at the end of the year a balance of nearly $200, and be an independent Parish.

There are a few in our Church who give much more than 50 cents a week; but there are others, not less able, who give very little or nothing. We should get along even better than we do if all of us were willing and glad to share alike the Church's burden just as we are ready to share alike its privileges. For are we not all members one of another?

George Washington will always remain a great and powerful personality in the history of the world. He has well earned the title "The Father of his Country," a great country indeed, and the honor of a national celebration of his birthday.

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BAPTISMS

No.
1235, Feb. 8, Myrtle Eva Foley
1236, " 17, Arlina Palmetta Clark
1237, " 24, Nellie Elizabeth Foster
1238, " 24, Frances Ethel Scott
1239, " 24, Irvin Lumb Wilson

BURIALS

No.
565, Feb. 8, Elizabeth Austin Russell

But wherein is his greatness and his power? The answer is found in his own testimony. In his first inaugural address of April 30, 1789.

He begins his address by describing the "conflict of emotions" which the call to the Presidency has kindled within him: between his own strong inclination and "flattering hopes" to spend the rest of his days in private life "as the asylum of my declining years;" a feeling of "incapacity as well as disinclination for the weighty and untried cares before me," and the call of Duty.

But what helped him in this conflict to decide to accept the position which was less comfortable to him, but more important to his fellowmen? The following are his own words which have the ring of unmistakable honesty:

"Such being the impressions under which I have, in obedience to the public summons, repaired to the present station, it would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this first official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who prescribes in the councils of nations and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes; and may enable every instrument employed in its administration to execute with success the functions allotted to his charge.

"In tendering this homage to the great Author of every public and private good, I assure myself that it expresses your sentiments not less than my own, nor those of my fellow citizens at large less than either. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States."

George Washington believed in God *whose providential aids can supply every human defect;* and it was in the last analysis that which gave to this nation George Washington, "the Father of the Country and the Vestryman of the Church."

Two clergymen sat talking. They were evidently not of the Roman Catholic communion. Says one: "Have we the capacity to contemplate in sufficient wonderment the power of light? Just think of how many huge shadows flee before one smallest ray of light. When I think of this I am beginning, only beginning, to understand the words of the Apostle John: 'Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.' And John's own comment: 'There was the true light, *even the light* which lighteth every man coming into the world.'

"Sometimes when I sit alone thinking of the absentees from Church services, the broken promises of good people, their unfulfilled pledges, their seeming indifference to the needs of the Church; and the seeming little value they put upon the Church when everything is well with them; their seeming thoughtlessness of the future, of the demoralizing influence upon the children; when all my efforts to the contrary seem to be thwarted by unseen forces working in the dark; and the darkness thickens all round until it is very dark, so that you see in fancy the tempter, and hear his persuasive words hissing: *What is the use?* Then, as if suddenly, there is a gentle knock at the door, and there enters a little girl, or a hard working woman, or a hard working man, and re-enacts the Gospel story of the Widow's Mite. Ah, this is the ray of light that makes all the shadows flee. As the light of a candle fills the whole room with light, so a little Christianity, one act of love for Christ's sake, helps to stimulate decent life in a whole community. The many do profit by the Christian spirit of the few; but would not the profit be much greater to all, and more creditable to the many, if they would imitate the few?

"Who can doubt the sharp difference in character between those who give and those who only receive? And who can doubt the results to each, in the last day, of the inexorable process of the law of eternal Justice and eternal love?"

Sunday School teachers and officers are urged to see that all members of the Sunday School be provided with Lenten boxes, that no one be denied the privilege of saving up for Missions by some act of self-denial and good work. Parents are requested to encourage their children to that end. We know of a family in which the parents watch carefully the conduct of their little ones. Every selfish act is deprecated and every act of love is praised and encouraged. These parents will never suffer the pangs of ingratitude from their offspring; while they are also storing up for their children the joy of life. Let the Lenten boxes be your opportunity.

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up for ten days' indifference to duty by an eleventh-day morbid repentance about that duty is of scant use in the world.—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Of the many pictures of Woodrow Wilson, the picture of his sponsorship, holding in his arms his granddaughter at the baptismal font, is the most beautiful, as well as the most instructive.

The following is the annual report of the Girls' Friendly Society for 1923: Two Associates, 14 members, 10 probationers, 49 candidates, total 75. Dues, $45.80; expenses, $9.10; gifts to Parish, $15; gifts to Missions, $24.17; Lenten sewing for Church Mission of Help, $34; Holiday House, Cape May, $2; G. F. S. Conference, $1; Japanese relief, $9; annual dues to Central Council, $6.60.

There will be a Corporate Communion of the Girls' Friendly Society, Sunday morning, March 2, at 10.30 o'clock, and an Admission Service at 7.30 o'clock. Well done, ye good and faithful servants, enter ye in the joy of the Lord.

The Millington Orchestra, made up of some of our promising young men, will give a minstrel show and dance, for the benefit of our heating system, to help to pay for our new boiler which heats the Parish House, on Saturday evening, March 1st.

Our Women's Guild will give their usual Shrove Tuesday entertainment, a Kaffee Klatch, Tuesday evening, March 4th, at 8 o'clock.

All good is positive. All evil is negative. Good is accomplishing something. Bad is undoing something. Not doing good is just as destructive as undoing. It is hard to tell the difference between sin of commission and sin of omission. Sin is sin. In confessing our sins unto God we properly use the words of our Book of Common Prayer: *We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.* It is one and the same thing in effect. God help us from the inactivity which so many people mistakenly call good. It is nothing but the devil's camouflage.

We have forgotten the author and his exact words which we read in our younger days; but the thought stuck deeply. It is to the effect that one who maliciously drives a stone through a window does more for the community than those who do nothing.

We have, as a congregation, received a pathetic appeal for contri-

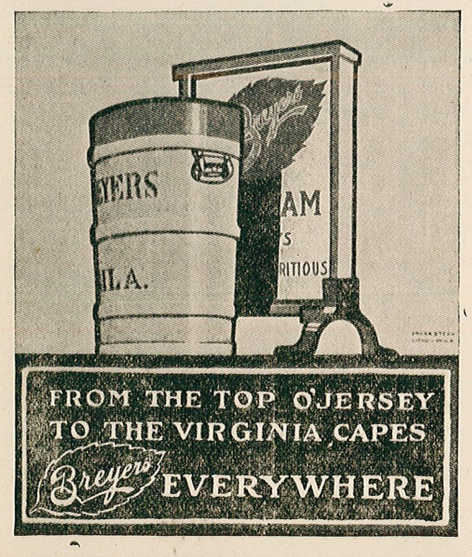
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butions towards the relief of starving children in Germany. This appeal goes to the heart. Children are children, and when they are hungry, and we have plenty, we must feed them, and thank God for the privilege. Most of us have had something to do with German children, and we know that they are not less attractive, less deserving, and less promising than the best. But be it as it may, we cannot shut our ears to the cry of children. We should be glad to receive contributions for their relief. The appeal comes to us through the National Council of our Church in New York City.

It is a pleasure to get a card like the following: "The girls of the basketball team of the Frankford Y. W. C. A. wish to thank you for allowing them the use of your Church gymnasium in their game on February 19. We appreciate your kindness greatly, and we thank you.—Anna L. Landenberger, Manager." This is very fine. Come again.

Sometimes we sing a Hymn better when we know its origin and the circumstances which inspired the author to write it. "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was written in England by the famous author and clergyman, Sabine Baring-Gould, in 1865, under the following circumstances: "At Whitsuntide the children joined St. Peter's School at their feast, and paraded quaint old Horbory, commencing with a steep mile. To maintain order and put life into the climb, the gifted improvisatore, within a few minutes, struck off 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' which became the favorite hymn of the late Duke of Cambridge." The tune which appeals to most people was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

An effort was made by some people in California to keep out the Authorized Version of the Bible from school libraries on the plea that it is a sectarian book, and therefore unconstitutional. This effort was upheld by the California District Court of Appeals. The case was carried to the Superior Court of that State which reversed this judgment, and made the placing of the Bible in school libraries constitutional. This judgment was recently approved also by the Supreme Court of California. There are some things against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. The Bible is one of them.

Our Polish congregation of the Holy Redeemer, in charge of the Rev. John B. Panfil, has inaugurated a series of Sunday afternoon meetings from 4 to 6 o'clock which is taking on the character of a Forum. These meetings are held every other Sunday afternoon in the assembly room of our Parish House. Addresses are made by chosen speakers on history and literature. This is an experiment which promises much for culture and information to the Polish people who attend the meetings. The number of the average attendance of men and women has been seventy-five with fair prospects of growth.

Memorial flowers were placed on the Altar as follows: February 17, by Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson in memory of their son, Douglas. By the family and her sister, Mrs. Rose Taylor, in memory of Mrs. Robert Moffatt. By Mrs. Hugh Kirland and George Funk in memory of their brother, and by Mrs. Edna Funk and daughter, Edna Mae, in memory of husband and father, Harry V. Funk.

February 24, by Mrs. Millington in memory of her husband and father, and by Raymond Millington in memory of his father. By Miss Holland and brothers in memory of their mother.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors." Rev. 14: 13.

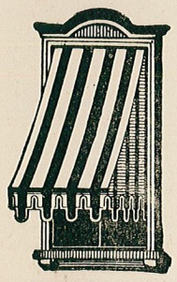
The sense of morality and honesty must be very dull, or dead, in those who regard giving information, or what the underworld calls "squealing," as an unpardonable sin. Just the opposite is the opinion given by a most competent Professor of Criminal Law. He says: "Not to be honest, not to tell the truth; and to lie are two different things; the latter is positive, the former negative. The dishonest person does not tell the truth; the liar tells the untruth. It is dishonest to suppress a portion of the truth, to lead others into mistakes, to fail to justify appearances, and to make false use of appearances.

"The dishonest person may not have said a single untrue word, and still have introduced many more difficulties, confusions and deceptions than the liar. He is, for this reason, more dangerous than the liar. Furthermore, because his conduct is more difficult to uncover, and because he is harder to overcome than a liar, he is more dangerous than the latter."

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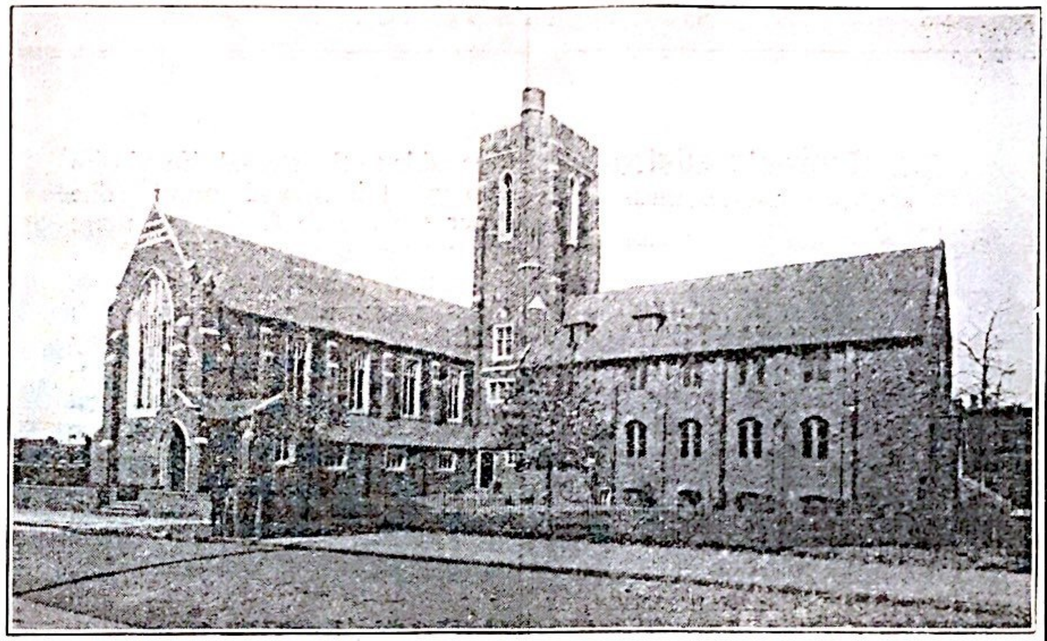
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AFTER EASTER

If we mean by Easter the day or season which people distinguish from other days by a peculiar observance in Church or at home, like Easter services, or Easter eggs, it is quite proper to say "After Easter." But if we mean by Easter the message of the Resurrection, or the fact of immortality, the fact that we shall live though we die, that our "life is hid with Christ in God" securely, then the phrase "After Easter" is a misnomer. There is no such a thing as "after" in eternity. Easter is always with us. Every Sunday is Easter Day, and every day is the Lord's Day. Christian life is the Eastertide. The Church is the ever-living witness to this.

Our Easter observances just past are only means of directing the attention of men and women to the ever offered privilege of making eternal life their own by accepting Christ as the Master of life and all its joys. There is hardly a day in which the Church does not extend some opportunity of taking advantage of this privilege by any one who will; the privilege of life eternal. Life eternal is the sum of all Easter joys made permanent, and may be appropriated only by close identification with Christ. Every act for Christ's sake adds to the eternal life of him who does it. Every thought of Christ and every prayer through Him adds to the eternal life of him who so thinks and prays. The closer we are to Christ the more sure we are of eternal life.

Do not shrink from the Cross, nor the crown of thorns, which Christ for us bore willingly. They are the source of strength and comfort to all who seek life eternal through Him. For when you gaze upon the Cross and Him crucified all your own hardships, obstacles, and insurmountable difficulties in the way of eternal life melt away in the light which radiates from the Cross. And as you draw still nearer to it, behold, it is no more the Cross, but the risen Lord glorified, in Whose glory you find your own for ever and ever.

O friend, if thou dost value life, thine own life, make it eternal. For thou *canst,* if thou *wilt;* not by thine own power or wisdom, but by the grace of Him who loves thee. He gave Himself for thee. The Church is thine opportunity. If thou wilt receive, thou must first give. The price of love is love. If thou wilt profit by love, thou must love. Love suffereth long, and is kind. Withhold not thy service from the Church, though there be some in the Church not to thy liking, for in so doing thou servest Christ. Grudge not Him thy service to Whom thou owest all. Let thy love of Him be shown in thy service to the Church which is God's household. Be not hard in thy criticism of others; but show them a more excellent example. Overcome evil with good. Despise ease and comfort when duty calls. Give the Church the place of honor in thy heart for Christ's sake. Thus nothing losing thou wilt gain everything worth having, namely life eternal.

If you have health, intelligence, talent, why not use them in noble effort which raises you in the estimation of the noble and the good, whose approval is our most beautiful badge of honor? What men and women in their right senses would not rather be glad to feel at home among the noble and the good than feel at ease in the company of the base and the depraved? What sensible person is there that looks for joy and peace in the companionship of the selfish? There is just as much joy and peace among the selfish as there is honor among thieves. Do we not look up with admiration to him who wears the badge of honor, which is the stamp of the noble and the good, rather than to him who wins the applause of the base and the depraved? Since to gain either we must spend time and effort, which is life; why not spend it for that which is real gain?

In our Lord's Parable of the Talents, in which He commends those who use their talents for the Master, and condemns those who try to appear virtuous by keeping their talent hid (a modern way of being good by not doing anything), the master in the parable, on the day of reckoning, says to each of his servants who did his best: "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." But to the servant who claimed merit for doing nothing, or for being harmless by making no effort, though he was given a talent, to him the master, in the parable, says: "Thou wicked and slothful . . . cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

We are all naturally interested in the welfare of our Church; and one of the important items of interest is our people's offerings towards its support. Eastertide offers to Christian people one of the special opportunities of giving concrete expression of their loyalty and appreciation of the Church to which they belong.

Our people have availed themselves of this opportunity. And while the receipts are not yet all in, we can safely report in round numbers the Easter offerings as follows:

The congregation at the Easter services, $180. The Woman's Guild, $100. The Girls' Friendly Society, $15. The G. F. S. Candidates, $20. The Young Ladies' Bible Class, Miss Wark, teacher, $9. The Beginners' Department, $10. The Primary Department, $5. Mrs. Robinson's Class, $2. Mrs. Schwendemann's Class, $10.

The Sunday School Lenten offering for Missions: Main Department, $80. Primary Department, $45. Beginners' Department, $35.

As human beings we usually measure the givers' loyalty and love for the Church by dollars and cents, taking into consideration the individual ability in these days of high cost of living and the innumerable strong demands which pleasure makes upon the people. But each giver makes his or her own record

before God, according to the measure of value he or she puts upon the cause of Christ.

We congratulate our people upon their well doing.

In conformity with time honored custom we publish the Roll of Honor of the Sunday School scholars in their Lenten Offering for Missions. The contents of the Lenten Boxes ranged from 5c to $5.07. Forty cents is the minimum entitling the owner of the Lenten Box to a place on the Roll of Honor. The names are placed in order of distinction. We shall be glad to correct any error which may have crept in unnoticed. We do not wish to deprive any Sunday School member of the honor earned in his or her effort for Missions.

The Honor Roll is as follows:

Eleanor Martin, Jennie Tietz, Irvin Wilson, Halftan Pedersen, Alice Motson, Richard Lang, Henry Herbsleb, Dorothy Nuspikel, Harold Bond, Myrtle Maharg, Charles Utter, George Lamsback, Abigail Annesley, Harry Weise, Frederick Becker, Daniel Knauss, Rebecca Black, Maurice Boyer, Arthur Koenig, Eleanor Hink e, Ruth McKinley, Thomas Moffett, John Jacobs, Olga Jacobson, Eleanor Tompkins, Howard Luff, Mary Schwendermann, George MacBride, Isabel Kirland, Elizabeth Davidson, William MacBride, Katherine Kirland, Martin Erickson, Maude James, Margaret Ritter, Ralph Luff, Edward Shannon, Michael Shannon, Marie Ralston, Mrs. Schwendermann, Thelma Cook, Irene Cook, Daniel Loomis, Ruth Kvalhalm, Veronica Parker, Harry Gustafson.

Marie Saybolt, Ruth Schwendermann, Margaret Wambach, William Schada, Genevieve Martin, Mrs. Annesley, Margaret Sleva, Edith Collins, Ruth MacBride, Norman Griess, James Mehaffey, Harry Mehaffey, Mary Stott, Jennie Wambach, Sidney James, William James, Lydia Enders, Charles Gustafson, Alma Wark, Marion Clews, Catherine Ralston, Edith Koenig, Florence Clews, Hannah Carpenter, John Parker, Howard Campbell, Doris Campbell, Althea Newman, Elizabeth Birney, Charles Schada, Matha Martin, Emma Perkin, Joseph Staudenmaier, James Birney, Francis Keller, Margaret Birney, William Keller, Margaret Morris, William Thompson, Hazel Kern, Martha Saybolt, Russell Kern, Helena Saybolt, Frances Scott, Doris Blodgett, Rose Newman, Paul O'Donnell, Violet Keller, Walter Poe, Mrs. Higbee, Masden Sangston, Stanley Luff, Elmer Kern, John McKinley, Lillian Johnson, Viola Pleasure, Elwood Schada, Harold Kern, Elizabeth Herbsleb, Amelia Boyer, Mrs. Martin, Emma Toomey, Clayton Boyer, Elsie MacBride, Harry Wilkinson, Perry Mehaffey, Elizabeth Smith, Lena Wurst, Hannah Smith, Emma Duncan, William Martin, Rose Toomey, Chrystal Goudge, William Wurst, Herman Jugel, Katherine Wurst, William Gail, Beatrice Hagey, Clarence Hagey, Kathryn Toomey.

Theressa Foster, Andrew Swift, Edith Tasker, Alvin Ahlers, William Ahlers, Viola Swift, Charles Goudge, John Carswell, Rebecca

Mullin, Viola Kirchner, Lillian Tasker, Margaret McKinley, Ruth Wark, Frederick McCoach, Margaret Reed, Jennie Stott, Valeria Wark, Joseph Martin, Myrtle Hartzell, Frances Disney, Jane Ahlers, Henry Boyer, George Pleasure, Louis Currie.

The Women's United Thank Offering of $8.05 was presented by our delegates at the semi-annual service held by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, Thursday morning, April 24th, in the Church of the Incarnation, Broad and Jefferson Streets.

The 140th Annual Diocesan Convention will be opened in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, Tuesday morning, May 6th. The galleries will be open to the public. And such of our people who may have the time will find it interesting to see what a Diocesan Convention is like.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania was organized in Philadelphia in 1784. It comprises Philadelphia and vicinity taking in 2,119 square miles. The Bishop is the overseer of the Diocese. There are at present about 288 clergy and 208 Parishes and Missions. A Mission is a congregation not self-supporting. There are 3,070 Sunday School teachers, and 31,260 scholars in this Diocese. The total contributions in the Diocese last year amounted to $2,368,414.55. The number of communicants in the Diocese is 68,313.

A Diocesan Convention is made up of all the clergy and a delegation of laymen from each Parish. Missions have no lay delegates in the Convention.

The Convention legislates for the Diocese, and looks after its business and development. And in case of a vacancy it elects a Bishop. The Bishop presides over the Convention.

This Diocese has had seven Bishops since its organization in 1784. The first Bishop was the Rt. Rev. William White, D.D. Our present Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland, D.D., D.C.L., is the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The installation ceremonies of our reorganized Boy Scout Troop 60 will take place in the Parish Assembly Room, Wednesday evening, May 7th, at 8 o'clock. This solemn occasion will be attended by chief officers of the Boy Scout Headquarters and assisted by a visiting troop.

It is desired especially that the parents of the boys of Troop 60 are present at this public installation. The boys of our Sunday School and various societies and the congregation are also invited.

The Boy Scout Troop Committee, composed of Messrs. Herbsleb, Annesley, Halftan and Harry Pedersen, Kaufmann, Holland and the Pastor, was duly organized by Mr. Taylor, of the Boy Scout Headquarters, and will be sworn in at the public installation of the Troop on the evening of May the 7th.

There is a vaudeville show now in the making which will be pre-

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567, April 28, Norman E. Thompson

sented to our audience in the Parish House, Saturday evening, May 17th, at 8 o'clock. It is given for the benefit of the Boiler Fund.

Speaking of the Boiler Fund, we would call your attention to the big thermometer fastened to the door post of the Church. "Thermometer" is made up of "thermo," which means heat and "meter," which means measure. This thermometer just inside the Church door registers the temperature of our congregation in the effort of raising the money needed to pay for the new boiler which had to be put in on faith in order to keep warm the Parish House through the rest of the winter. The high mark we set to reach is $1,200. So far the red has risen nearly to the 500 mark, and this was done only by about 85 of our congregation. It is a splendid showing of interest in the welfare of our Church so far; but we need more of that spirit among the rest of our people, if we intend to make the red mercury on the thermometer rise to the 1,200 mark. What a glorious thing this would mean to all of us at "the burning of the mortgage" ceremony! Let everybody contribute to the warming-up of the atmosphere, and the red will reach the mark easily with none of us overheating himself.

It is not too early to begin to plan for our annual excursion. We ought to decide upon the best and most profitable place to go to. We shall be glad to entertain suggestions.

We ought also to lay our plans and think out a program for a genuine Sunday School picnic. This should be taken up by the staff of teachers and officers. Provisions should be made in case of bad weather.

We should never forget for one moment that Baptism was ordained by our Lord Himself. It is by Baptism that we are made members of the Church of Christ, members of God's family. We do not like to keep little children out of membership in this family, inasmuch as our Lord rebuked those of His disciples who would keep them out. "Suffer little children to come unto me; forbid them not; for to such belongeth the kingdom of God.

Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein." We take this to mean membership in the body of Christ which is the Church. This accords with human reason and human feelings. Why then postpone, and keep postponing; meantime keeping out of Church membership the little ones?

You can help the Pastor in his work by informing him of little ones who are to be made members of Christ, and reminding parents of their duty to them. If Baptism is right, what is the use in postponing?

When the Twelve Apostles found themselves shorthanded in trying to minister to the rapidly growing number of Christians in Jerusalem right after Pentecost, or Whitsunday, they appealed to the Christian congregations for help, and they chose seven young men "of good repute," and presented them to the Apostles who ordained them Deacons. And these young men helped in the work of the Church. This is the Christian way. We are at present shorthanded in the Sunday School. We need more teachers. And following the example of the Apostles we appeal to our congregation. Cannot our people find some young men or women of good repute who would be willing to serve in the Sunday School? With nineteen hundred years of Christian experience we ought to do even better than the very first Christians in Jerusalem. I think we can, if we put our minds and hearts to it.

On Easter Day our Polish congregation of the Holy Redeemer held two morning services, one at 6 and the other at 11 o'clock. Rev. John B. Panfil, Priest in Charge of this congregation, a most devoted Missionary, tells us that 345 of his people received Holy Communion. The upper room was much crowded. It was inspiring to see the devotion of these people. These people really need a Church building of their own. The congregation needs more room for growth and expansion. We trust they are coming nearer their heart's desire with the passing of days.

Singing of hymns by the congregation at Church services adds much to devotion and edification. It is therefore important to foster and cultivate congregational singing of hymns in divine worship. The choice of hymns plays a big part in the formation of this excellent habit of hymn singing by the congregation. The Pastor, therefore, would appreciate the co-operation of the congregation. He would thank any of the people who would give him lists of their favorite hymns on which he might draw, and which may fit in with the Scripture lessons and Prayers.

Our Easter music was rendered praiseworthily by our choir; just what we predicted in the last issue of THE VISITOR. The progress of the choir has been steady, moving towards the excellent and all that is fine in Church music.

There is much improvement and progress also in our Parish orchestra, which is holding its rehearsals every Friday evening at 8 P. M. It is going through a wholesome

training in good music which will in time redound to the credit and praise of every member of it as well as that of their leader. Any one playing an orchestral instrument, and has a taste for good music, is welcome to membership in it. He will find himself in congenial company.

We plead again for the Bible Class. You, young men who know not the Bible, be reasonable. Don't you think that a book, or rather a collection of books, which has changed the character and the life of the most progressive peoples in the world, and still continues to do so, in spite of its oldness and quaintness; a book which is hated by the wicked and loved by the good; scoffed at by the ignorant and esteeemed by the learned; solemnly read in Churches and dearly treasured in homes; a book which through the ages has kindled the human soul with creative power in noblest architecture, sculpture, painting, music and literature, which are immortal; a book which in jazzy days has still the power to set aflame in the hearts of men and women the noble spirit of service to mankind, the spirit of self-denial, of heroism, and of missionary zeal; don't you think that such a book is worthy of your consideration, your knowledge, your painstaking reading and study?

Surely, a Bible Class is an opportunity to be grasped at by all young men who delight in knowledge and true wisdom.

Governor Pinchot, in Roosevelt fashion, has endorsed the Boy Week as follows: "We need to teach a better type of citizenship, to instill into our boys the old-fashioned American virtues which brought our country into greatness.

"We need to develop not only a sound mind in a sound body, but a sound moral code in that mind. And all citizens should aid in this Boy Week movement.

"It is for us to instill into our younger generation a patriotism so sound and a love of right so fearless as to make impossible any repetition of the official betrayal which has so lately rocked our country."

If you would be truly happy you need acquire only two things: (1) a vocation, or job, to earn a living; and (2) an avocation, or a side job, or some hobby in welfare work to keep you busy while you are not working for a living. In the one you work for wages, or salary; in the other, gratis; yet it gives your life a flavor without which it becomes tasteless in time in spite of all efforts to sweeten it by worldly condiments.

The happiest man is the busiest man; but not the busiest in the one thing only, that of making a living, or even gaining wealth. But the happiest man is he who finds time to busy himself with some helpful service to the community after busying himself in the day's work of making his living.

Find yourself an avocation, or hobby. Have your pick in the Church: membership (active) in the Church Council, teaching in Sunday School, serving on the Boy Scout Committee, or in the choir, training our boys and girls in athletics and leading them in whole-

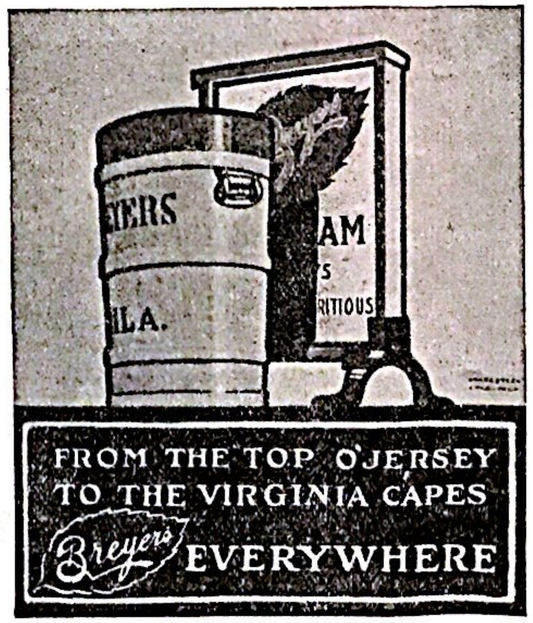
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The G. F. S. Candidates, led by Miss Mary Davidson, and assisted by Mrs. Martin, have given $20 towards the Boiler Fund, in addition to their $20 Easter Offering. This shows what love and work can do for the Church. These contributions were raised by the little girls themselves who are happiest when they do best work. Who is not?

There will be an Admission service of the Girls' Friendly Society, in the Church, Sunday evening, May 11th, at the 7.30 Evening Prayer.

Memorial flowers were placed on the Altar on Easter Day, April 20th, by Mrs. Slocum, in memory of mother and sister. By the Woman's Guild, in memory of their late president, Mrs. Robert Moffatt.

How dear and sweet is the memory of the noble and the good, whose lives on earth helped to make our lives more pleasant; who worked as road menders to make smoother our path which leads to life eternal. May we follow that path, strewing flowers in their memory, that those who come after us may find the way to that life still a little easier.

On the evening of April 28th, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, Commander-in-Chief, visited and reviewed our Company A of Junior Marines, which is under the immediate command of Captain Halftan Pedersen and Lieutenant Olaf, his brother.

The following members of the Company were awarded prizes for excellent work through the year in drill, first aid, target practice, behavior, and other exercises. The prizes ranged according to merit: the highest mark was 92 plus, and the lowest, 71. The following were awarded prizes. They are placed in order of distinction. Sergeant Martin Erickson, Corporal Thomas Christensen, Corporal Henry Boyer, Privates: Edwin Anderson, Harold Bond, Maurice Boyer, John Parker, Robert Neill, Iver Johnson, Daniel Loomis, Alfred Davidson, Raymond Sohn, Thomas Peterson, Harry Neill, James Davidson, David Ferguson, Raymond Mackay, Vaughn Neilson, Stanley Wood, Charles Fisher, Henry Stolnik, and Harry Zaber.

Major Biddle was exceedingly pleased with general character of the Company. He congratulated the boys upon their good showing and praised the officers in charge.

On the March leaf of the Motto Kalendar, for 1924, is the following: "That which constitutes the supreme worth of life is not wealth, nor position, nor ease, nor fame, not even happiness; but service. Nothing at last counts but service, and that counts always."

Those who have none of these things, or only some of them, may be slow in recognizing this great truth; but all those who have experienced all these things, or most of them, do bear witness to the truth that service counts most of all.

The men and women who serve God and neighbor, no matter in what capacity, and no matter how little known, are treasuring up for themselves a store of gratification and joy which no one, or any circumstance, can take it from them, not even that monster which we call death. This truth has been revealed to mankind by our Lord Jesus Himself; and has been verified in the experiences of the greatest and best.

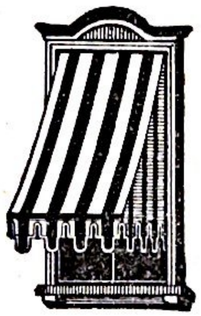
Have you ever caught yourself frowning as you chanced to glance at a mirror, and shocked by your facial disorder proceeded quickly to straighten out your countenance to the normal, just as you do with your necktie or disheveled hair? Now in matters of facial expression and manners your neighbor is your best looking glass. The frown that you seem to see on your neighbor's face is your own. Try to smile; or, not try, but really smile, and see what happens. Children are the finest, clearest human mirrrs.

One of the greatest German poets of a generation ago, used to say that he could not bear to look into a mirror, for there he saw his own face. We wonder if so much unnecessary coldness, shyness and indifference, yes, and even hate, among neighbors is not due to the fact that we are each other's mirror. Is not the ignoring of this fact the cause of misunderstanding and all the evils which follow in its train?

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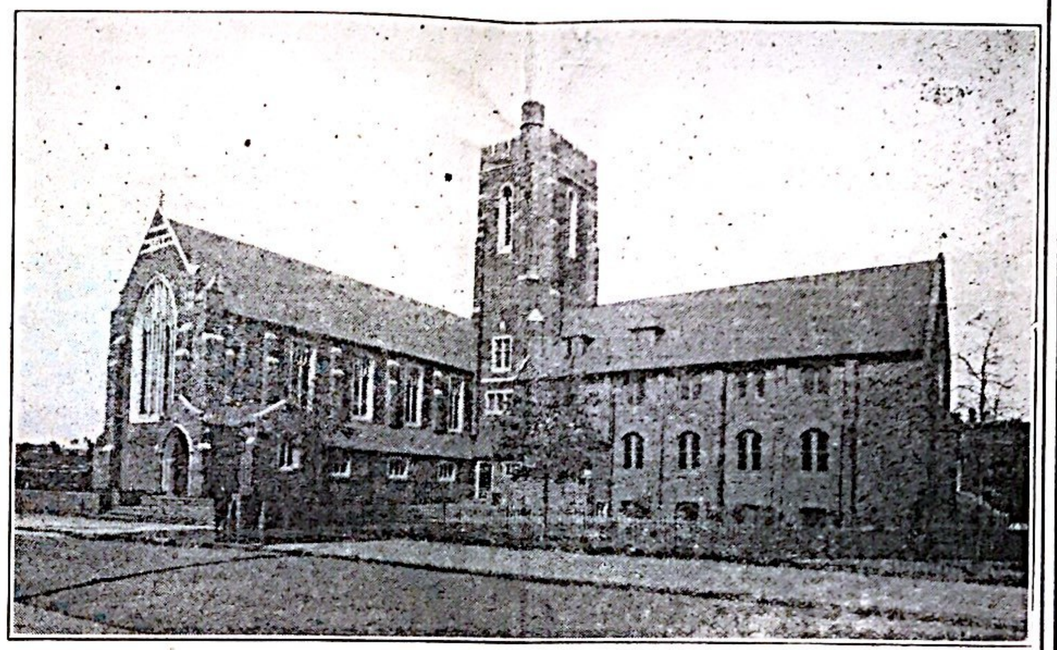
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FAITH LIKE BREATH

"Faith?" said a young man smartly, "I have no use for faith; I do not live by faith, I live by facts, things I can see and hear for myself."

"Very well," replied his friend, "let us go in and have an ice cream soda then." "Agreed!" snapped the young man. At the entrance to the soda counter his friend stopped, and looking seriously into the surprised face of the young man, said gravely, "But is it safe? That waiter behind the counter may be one of those fiends who love to kill people by poison. Maybe he has picked us out for his victims, and will put some slow poison into our ice cream soda." "Well," laughed the young man who caught the point, "we shall have to live by faith to that extent."

That is just it. We cannot live without faith any more than we can live without breath, especially if you want to live well. For the more faith, the more life.

If you really wish to get some idea of the big place which faith occupies in human life, of its importance and necessity to civilized life, of the enormity of the part which it actually plays in everybody's life, just imagine yourself undertaking a journey; and to make the illustration more definite, say, a two months' trip abroad for the first time in your life; a journey which will take you across the great waters and over high mountains, among strange peoples and strange languages and unfamiliar customs. What is it that makes this adventure practicable to you. Is it money? Yes; but only partly. The thing which is most potent in leading you to undertake the journey is faith.

In the first place, you are led to undertake this journey by your friends who have been through it, and praised it up to you. Your faith in them and in their judgment has played a great part in overcoming your natural misgivings and sundry obstacles.

Then you secure your berth from the steamship company months in advance on faith. You regard it as yours, and make arrangements accordingly, on faith. You finally pay for your tickets by check, an evidence of faith on the company's part; and then you turn over your ticket and passport and baggage to the company for safekeeping, on faith.

And the rest? Do you not take it all on faith? The sea voyage alone, is it not full of uncertainties? We know not what may take place on the morrow in our daily and well trodden path at home, how much more is the likelihood of something happening which may cause you discomfort, or may terminate your journey prematurely, as you, day by day, change one strange place for another? Yet, you are moved to go ahead by the feeling that your heart's desire to see more of the wondrous works of God and man, of which you have only read and heard, is sure to be realized; and this overpowering feeling springs from faith. It is faith from the beginning to the end that makes your journey practical at all. It is faith:

"the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen" which will finally bring you face to face with the glorious things which you read about, and heard your friends talk about.

Moreover, mark you, this faith is not blind, nor unreasonable. It is neither mere fancy, nor mere belief. You have read about the glorious careers of the great nations and their wonderful habitations and their marvelous contributions to the progress and beauty and moral character of civilization. You have read all this in books, and heard your friends, who have seen the great monuments, talk about them. So when you venture your journey on faith, your faith is well founded and reasonable. You have a good reason for your faith. Still it is faith, looking forward to the realization of things not yet seen, and which, so far as you are concerned, could not be called facts, but facts *to be*, as a result of your faith.

I have known many young men and women with little equipment and less money realize for themselves positions in life, which seemed unreal in the beginning, purely by reason of their abiding faith. Faith accomplished the seeming impossible. I have also known many who in youth squandered their advantages, and lost their opportunities for themselves solely through lack of faith.

And as it is with the incidents of life, so it is with life itself. Our life is but a journey. Every day we are one day nearer our destination. But what destination? Doubtless the destination which each one of us is trying to reach. God in His love for us has sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to show us the way to life eternal. Those who turn their faces towards life eternal, do it on faith in Christ. And this faith, like the faith of him who takes a two months' journey abroad, is neither blind nor without reason. Their faith, too, is based upon what they had read about life eternal in *The Book*, the book of life, the Bible, and what they have heard their friends who experienced it say about it, and what they feel in their own hearts to be true and desirable. It is the faith which assures us of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. It is the faith which gets us to the place where we would be. It is the faith by which we appropriate, make our own, the gift of life eternal promised us by God through Jesus Christ our Lord. "For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." How can any one get anywhere desirable without faith? It is like breath which one can die without, but cannot live without it.

IT IS WRITTEN

"By faith we understand that the worlds (or ages) have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear." "Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him (God); for he that cometh to God must believe

that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him."

Abraham, Moses, David and the prophets were men of faith: "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight armies of aliens." "And others had trials of mockings and scourings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, evil entreated (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth." Such is the power of faith both for endurance and achievement in human life at its best. The heroes of both the Old Testament and the New Testament were men and women of faith, and so are all the men and women who have rendered and are rendering today the greatest services to mankind. When in the flesh Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was the embodiment of faith. And today He is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Faith is the greatest healer, the greatest comforter, and the most reliable counsellor. Faith is the miraculous light which chases away the gloomy shadows and the terrifying phantoms. It will not brook the presence of fear, the most intolerable enemy of human peace. Faith is the staunch guard of your happiness, and your trustworthy guide to life eternal, Have you no use for faith?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Because your Pastor is to leave here on July 3rd, to take ship from New York on July 4th, for a two months' trip abroad, THE VISITOR for July has been issued one week earlier. He hopes that you will read this in time to accept his invitation to join him in Holy Communion at 10.30 on the last Sunday in June, on which occasion he craves for the privilege of a farewell handshake with the congregation.

In his absence the Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin, Jr., will officiate at the Church services. Mr. Kevin's address is 318 Loney Street, Fox Chase. His phone call is Fox Chase 1187-J. In case of need he can be reached by mail or phone direct, or through this Parish House.

During August there will be no evening services in the Church.

During July and August the Sunday School will unite in the 10.30 Church service, and the officers and teachers are requested to assist in this arrangement.

At a meeting of the officers and teachers of our Sunday School it was decided to give an old fashioned picnic to the members of our Sunday School in Wissinoming Park, Saturday, July 11th. Transportation will be by auto trucks from the Parish House at an hour to be announced later.

Our annual excursion on the river, which has always been the great picnic day for our people is booked for Thursday, July 30th.

This excursion promises to be even more enjoyable than any in the years past. The newly equipped and fast boat "William Penn," will take us down the river to Delaware Beach, a very comfortable picnic ground with an unsurpassed sandy beach for bathing in brackish water.

The boat will come to Allegheny Wharf before 8 A. M. so as to enable the people to board it conveniently as they come, and will leave the Wharf about 8.30. We are assured at least five hours on the beach. "William Penn" is not engaged in moonlight excursions, and, therefore, will be in no hurry to leave the beach early in time for the moonlight which was the case in former years.

The Company is eager to do everything for the comfort of our passengers.

The round trip ticket for adults is 60 cents and for children 30 cents.

We have always been favored by good weather in the past, let us pray God for fine weather this time, also.

We are grateful again to the kind women of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, for another lot of beautiful flowers which came Wednesday, June 17th. They not only cheered the sick in the Northeastern Hospital and many a humble home, but helped also to decorate our Church for the Confirmation service of our Polish congregation on the following Friday evening, the 19th.

On Sunday afternoon, June 14, Mr. Alan H. Tongue, of the headquarters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, met by appointment a group of our young men desirous of reviving our Chapter of the Junior Brotherhood. There were present at the meeting Henry Herbsleb, Jr., Alvin Ahlers, William Thompson, Raymond Millington, Richard Lang, Gilbert Nelson, Ralph Luff and John Q. Coulter, Jr.

At this meeting it was decided to take the first necessary steps towards the renewal of the Charter.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that we hail this awakening with great delight. In all the activities of young men there is none so noble as the activity of earnest Brotherhood men. The scarcity of young men with taste for Brotherhood activity rather argues in favor of the Brotherhood and the nobility of its character. For most young men are given to following the crowd; and we all know how much nobility of character or conduct there is in the crowd. Most young men shrink from being themselves. They would rather be like the others. But thank God for the exceptions; for the young man with a mind of his own, trying to follow the inclinations of his nobler self; and who is not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and continues Christ's faithful soldier and servant until his life's end. And this he will be more likely to do in the ranks of the Brotherhood.

Now and then you come across an item in the daily newspapers which is most interesting and highly suggestive. Here, for instance, is the summing up in an allegorical style the average life of the irresponsible pleasure hunter, who is in the world to get out of it as much as he can, one way or another. He

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1291, " 13, Teany Elizabeth Riley
1292, " 13, Mary Charlotte Riley
1293, " 13, Bertha Virginia Riley
1294, " 13, Blanch Ethel Riley
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1297, " 13, Dorothy Riley
1298, " 14, William Andrew Maneely
1299, " 14, Edward Joseph Davis
1300, " 14, William Elmer Ross
1301, " 14, Thelma Farson Ross
1302, " 14, Dorothy Ross
1303, " 21, Wm. Honeyford Annesley
1304, " 21, Randie Elizabeth Peterson

is out for a good time, and is not particular how he gets it. The following allegory sums it up to perfection: "Little Eleanor arrived with her parents for an outing at 10 A. M. As she started across Broad Street, she was knocked down by a motor car, but escaped serious injury. Eating a sandwich in Independence Square she choked on a crust. Her father cured that by standing her on her head. Eleanor's adventures reached a climax when she fell over a fifteen-foot embankment while playing in Fairmount Park near the Zoo, shortly before time to start for home. Her head was cut badly and she was treated at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital."

It is the same with some variations almost with every life just referred to above. The papers are full of them. There are even now some at the beginning of their career on Broad Street, and some in the middle of it; but when the end comes it will be as usual, the hospital, or the penitentiary, or something between. This is the record of all those who either ignorantly or wilfully regard life as a riotous and wanton picnic.

On the evening of its adjournment for the summer, on June the 9th, our Athletic Association voted a gift of $5 to the Church. We are sure the treasurer of the Church appreciates very much such thoughtfulness from time to time on the part of our societies. It helps to pay expenses.

We regret to announce that Mrs. A. L. Eyster, who has been serving this Church as Organist and Choir Director since last November with exceptional success, has decided to leave us for personal reasons. We have found her to be exceptionally faithful, loyal and efficient. Especially are we grateful to her for the splendid training she gave wholeheartedly to the junior members of our choir, and the unstinted zeal she has shown in the work of improving the general tone of the whole choir, who, we are sure, will miss her pleasant personality as well as her leadership. We wish she could have stayed here.

Mrs. Eyster's place has been filled, beginning with the middle of June, by Miss Ada Wetzel, who comes to us well recommended. We are sure that all the members of our choir will unite in showing her the courtesy and hospitality due to a newcomer. We have good reason to believe in the success of her efforts. It is a trite saying that a choir, like any other enterprise, prospers on co-operation.

It is for the first time in twenty-five years that your Pastor is to venture a trip long and far away from St. George's Mission to cause him some reflections. He feels like the captain of a ship who is about to turn it over, for a time, to the guidance of his crew. He does it, of course, with an abiding faith in the loyalty of his crew, and feels, as he ought to feel, that every one of the same may render, by reason of the captain's absence, faithful service even with increased vigilance and care in the guidance of the ship. Moreover, he wishes to believe that all the passengers will gladly and joyfully give their hearty co-operation to the crew to insure the ship's safe and prosperous voyage; so that on the captain's return he may rejoice with them all over a work faithfully and well done.

The Pastor, therefore, as he waves his farewell (to meet soon again) to the congregation, wishes to point out to our men, women, and children their great opportunity, as well as most pleasant duty, of expressing in real service their love and loyalty to the Church to which they lay claim as their own.

Parents and children, will you not pray more for the good of our Church, and work more for its growth and increasing influence for good in our neighborhood. Be faithful at Church services, and be liberal in your offerings. Do not forget that our Church is our ship in which we all cross the sea of life, and which by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, is at last to conduct us in safety to the haven where we would be.

We are glad to be informed of the very gracious act done by the members of our choir in presenting Mrs. Eyster with a beautiful shawl and a bunch of roses in token of their appreciation of her leadership and of their affection for her as a friend. It is gratifying to know that Mrs. Eyster will have something which will help to keep fresh sweet memories of past relationships.

Miss Ada Wetzel who takes the place of Mrs. Eyster is a capable and trained music teacher. Those of our people who wish to take music lessons on the piano or organ will do well to get into communication with her. If convenient for pupil and teacher they can use the piano in the Parish House.

The following is what a Congregational leading Minister, Dean Reynolds Brown, of Yale, thinks of our Book of Common Prayers:

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Episcopal Church has placed in his hands for daily use, 'The Book of Common Prayer.'

"It is a great title for a book—it does me good always just to see those words printed on the title page. And it is a great book—great in its comprehensiveness, great in its fine phrasing, great in its sympathetic reach inward and upward, and great in the high quality of the spirit of devotion there expressed!

"I have had on my desk and much of the time in my pocket for the last thirty-five years the prayer book of the Protestant Episcopal Church. I could not begin to tell you of the help I received from it as a minister of Jesus Christ. I have used it until I know many of its beautiful Collects by heart.

"I have read the Litany again and again when it seemed to fit in around my own need like a well-made garment. I have read day after day, again and again, the 'Order for Morning Prayer' and the 'Order for Evening Prayer,' and the 'Prayers and Thanksgiving for Special Occasions' until they are all as familiar to me as the twenty-third psalm.

"We are told that the messenger of the Lord portrayed in one of the closing chapters of the Bible 'had in his hand a little book open.' The use of that little book of 'Common Prayer,' which may be held in the hand of any man open, will enrich and ennoble all his prayerful utterance."

To prove Dean Browns' statement one needs only to read and study the Book of Common Prayer.

On Friday evening, June 19th, Bishop Garland officiated at a beautiful Confirmation service held in the Church by our Polish congregation, led by its new Pastor, the Rev. Edward M. Baczewski and under the supervision of Archdeacon Eliot White. Nine boys and nine girls were confirmed. A unique feature of the service was that the candidates, before they received the Laying on of Hands from the Bishop, repeated, distinctly and quite audibly, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostles' Creed both in English and Polish.

After the service the Bishop held a brief reception in the Parish House where he met the school children and some of the members of the Polish congregation. We were all delighted also to have Mrs. Garland present who added much to the pleasure of all the people.

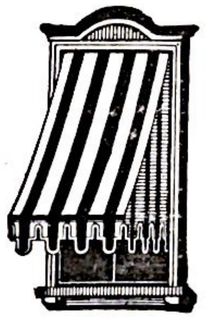
On Saturday afternoon, June 20th, we were privileged to enjoy the unique pleasure of a jolly union picnic of two Young Ladies' Bible Classes at the home of Mrs. J. Lawrence Larsen, Melrose Park. One Bible Class was her own which she teaches at St. Paul's, Elkins Park, and the other was our Bible Class guided by Miss Alma Wark. We all certainly had a good time. The girls took to the woods as fish to water, and the games, and the lunch, and the music, and the girlish pranks were all certainly delightful, not less was the company of Mr. Larsen who did his best to assist the hostess in the entertainment. Things like these are not easily forgotten.

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Biddle Racquet Club House situated at the beautiful lake, fringed with woods, at Laurel Springs, New Jersey, about 12 miles from Camden. It is the place where our Junior Marines are planning to hold their camp this summer under their captain, Halftan Pedersen, and Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, chief commander. The date of the camp has been, at this writing, fixed for the middle of August. The boys will be informed more definitely in due time.

This Racquet Club House is an ideal place for short and week-end vacations. It is provided with a good kitchen and comfortable beds and the terms are very, very reasonable. And it is under the supervision of Mrs. Hawksley, well-known to social workers and Bible Class people.

At no time in the history of the world has there been so much preaching done through pulpits, books and magazines, university and school platforms, and even through the daily press, as is done today. The human soul is being appealed to from every point of view in most eloquent style, pointed phrases, charming illustrations, and most inspiring words of wisdom, as never before; yet we doubt very much if all of these equal in power one of our Lord's parables, or sayings. Sometimes it seems as if there were more talkers than doers; more methods proposed than teachers; more writers than missionaries; and more people who know *how* to do things than those willing to *do* them. What is the secret of it? Is it because it is easier to tell people *how* to do a thing than to do it? Can it be that there is some sort of conspiracy, some mysterious agreement, or tacit understanding, between talkers and listeners at the expense of the doers? We all know that our natural inclination is to move in the direction of least resistence. The easiest thing is to listen, if there is something to listen to, of course. To talk is not so easy, for you have to have something to say, and know how to say it. But to *do* is the least easy of the three, if the thing to be done is worth while. Our Lord did what He said. There is not the slightest disproportion between His sayings and His doings. If He said hard things, He did hard things. He probably would not have said them, if He would not do them. Maybe if people were like Him they would talk less and do more. But how can we get people to become like Him? Can we do it by talking?

Did you read in the papers the account of the demonstration of loyalty by the Italian nation to their king and queen on the occasion of the silver anniversary of their accession to the throne, June 6th? Eight thousand mayors paid tribute to the king. There were monster military and civic parades. Rome was a mass of color. "The scene was particularly touching as the dwindling group of the Garibaldi veterans, now some fifty in number, wearing the quaintly shaped service cap and the red shirt, marched proudly up to salute the descendant of the monarch they helped to enthrone. Thunderous cheers arose, while tears welled up in the eyes of many of the older spectators."

It was in 1870 that an army made up of Italian volunteers and headed by Garibaldi entered Rome, took, by froce, the throne away from the Pope and gave it to the grandfather of the present king. Since then the Pope has been posing as a prisoner of war shut up in the Vatican. So unlike Christ who said, "My kingdom is not of this world." And so unlike Peter, who said, "Silver and gold have I none."

We have been looking for the text of the Pope's blessing, or congratulation, addressed to the king and queen of Italy upon this great national festivity; but we must have overlooked it; or the newspapers did not publish it.

It does not require any genius to spoil a good thing. They say that even a cat can spoil. But recently it was an animal even less than a cat which spoiled for an hour the time and life of several hundred thousand people, patrons of the West Side Subway in New York City. The rat gnawed the sheathing around the high tension wire.

So, if you ever come across an opportunity of being instrumental in spoiling a good thing, think of the rat and the cat, neither one of whom is very famous for doing constructive work. For the rat is after the cheese, and the cat is after the rat, and neither one of them thinks anything of each other except for its own self; and that self is not much more than either a rat or a cat.

It is refreshing, now and then, to turn to Theodore Roosevelt: "There is nothing sillier and more mischievous than to dull the conscience with lofty sentiments which cloak ignoble failure to perform duty."

The inconsistency of some people is sometimes apalling. For instance, we read of a man who was asked of what religion he was, answered promptly: "I'm an atheist, thank God."

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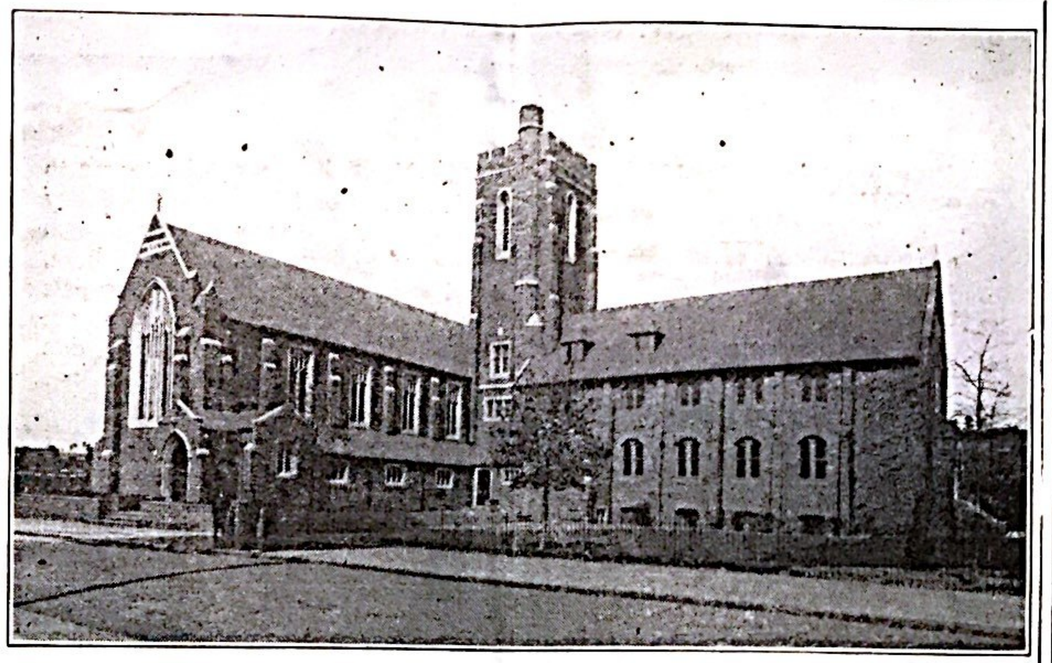
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BACK HOME AGAIN!

It is good and pleasant to take a journey, but it is better and more pleasant to return. The more adventuresome the journey is, and the longer it lasts, the keener is the pleasure of getting back home again. Indeed, the journey itself could not be one-half so pleasant without the assurance of getting back home again. At least this is the way I feel after a two months' strenuous journey, chockfull of interest and wonderment; not one dull moment from early in the morning to late in the night, one sight rivaling another in startling awe, or fascinating beauty, or in stirring the inmost feelings of the heart; so that you are charmed and shocked, pleased and disgusted in rapid succession, while your imagination is continuously taxed to the utmost; yet the pleasure of all these is infinitely enhanced by coming back home again. It is really the best half of the journey.

It seems to me that a journey without getting back home again would be as unsatisfactory as an endless vacation; as if the end of a man's life were lost in the means by which he seeks to attain it. After all, what counts for pleasure and gratification is what you bring back home again.

It was indeed good for me to go abroad; but it is still better to come back home again; knowing more and feeling more, and I trust being more.

Besides, I have a special reason to think so. For I left on my journey on the Mediterranean cruise with some misgivings about matters here, and came back to find St. George's brighter than ever before. There is a great satisfaction when one finds that his confidence has not been misplaced.

I said one day to the captain of the Tuscania, "You must be very busy in guiding a ship like yours, carrying safely about five hundred of finest American people with a crew of Scottish people exceeding four hundred," and he replied: "No, my staff of officers and crew are so well trained and so efficient and faithful that I place utmost reliance upon them. They run the ship themselves." Then I thought and wondered if I could say the same of St. George's. Imagine my gratification to find, when I got back home again, that I can say that, and much more.

For not only did Church services continue regularly, and the normal parish life was sustained through July and August, but a tremendous work of improvement to the parish house was accomplished. And it was accomplished by our workers who gave their labor willingly, evenings, after working all day at their trades, and through the generous gifts of money for the needed materials by those who could not do the work themselves. The labor given could not have been bought for less than a thousand dollars and the materials amounted to over three hundred dollars. All the rooms in the basement, and rooms on the first and second floors were newly painted, the floors washed and varnished as well as the woodwork. The painting alone covered an area

of about twelve thousand square feet. And the furniture was given a thorough cleaning that it looks like new. This work has been done by men, women and children of our congregation. The vestibule and the office were also furnished with beautiful fixtures for electric lighting, and a new staircase built leading to the basement.

All this has been done by our workers without the solicitation or urgings of the Pastor.

It would not be altogether right for me to say that I did not expect all this from our congregation. For I DO expect from it great things I naturally expect great things for St. George's from all those who claim to belong to it. For there is nothing too good for St. George's Church, or congregation. No one can do too much for it. It merits everything we give to it. And they who give to the Church, whether it be time, money, or labor, can with propriety say in the words of our Lord: "We have done that which it was our duty to do." (Luke 17: 9, 10).

Yet, in these days when honest appreciation and performance of duty is not so general as one might wish it were, such giving on the part of some of our congregation challenges the admiration of all of us, and compels us to pay them the well earned respect. Inasmuch as their gifts bear the stamp of self-denial and sacrifice, they have written their names indelibly in the book of life; and they need not that their names be published here.

Would that all our people so loved St. George's Church that they would all offer willingly their help and support, to enable it to be of still greater service to God and the people.

It ought not to be difficult for any one to see that to help and support an institution like St. George's is quite proper, decent and honorable.

If anyone has the good taste to desire the respect of God and of his fellowmen, let him identify himself with the institution which stands for the glory of God and the good of the community; not as a nominal member only, but as a worker rendering his service cheerfully. This is the law of life. For "why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Every one that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: because it had been well builded."

RALLY DAY

After vacation season, which by the grace of God we all enjoyed in one way or another, we should feel ready and strong to take up the work in the Church before us. For this purpose we designated the first Sunday, October 4, as our Rally Day, which we shall quite properly begin with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M., to be followed by the Sunday School reunion at 2 P. M., and Evensong at 7.30 P. M.

At these services we naturally expect the presence of all our people, and especially the members of all working societies and guilds.

We should be glad to be able to state in the November issue of THE VISITOR the plans, and objects, and the nature of work, and meeting time of every group of workers for the information of those who may wish to join any of them.

You are urged to do your part, to the best of your ability, to make our Rally Day effective.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

In former years the Weekly Envelopes were given out to subscribers every three months. But it has been found that much clerical work is lessened by giving out packages of Envelopes covering the entire year, beginning with the first Sunday in October.

The packages are ready to be called for by those who wish to use them as a convenient means of Church support. It is, of course, desirable that all our people use these Envelopes for their contributions to the work of the Church. A little care and regularity in the use of them will convince anybody that the Weekly Envelope System of Church support is the best and least burdensome to all concerned. But we all must beware not to shirk or despise a Church burden. It ought to be easy and light to carry to all who value the Church properly.

Take, therefore, these envelopes for your weekly offering throughout the year. Should you find it necessary to discontinue their use, be sure to return the Envelopes for the balance of the year to this office. But use them if possible.

Please do not fail to inform this office of change of your address; or of sickness in the family at home or in the hospital. Do this in person, by messenger, by phone, or by mail.

The Choir holds a high place in our Church service. It has held this place of importance from of old throughout the Old as well as the New Testament times. The Book of Psalms is testimony to this fact. To hold membership in the choir, therefore, is to hold an honorable position in the Church. Many prominent men of high position and responsibility in life are proud to mention the fact that they had sometime in their life sung in the choir of the Episcopal Church. Membership in the choir is a badge of honor, because the choir helps to make the worship of God beautiful.

It is becoming, therefore, that at the beginning of the season our choir members be especially true to their calling. It is most important to the success of a choir that its members be regularly and promptly at their post of duty at such time and place as may be agreed upon.

The Girls' Friendly Society has begun its regular meetings, Monday, September 28th. The value of this Society to girls and the Church is inestimable. The Church has always fostered and encouraged societies of this kind in its effort to spread the Gospel message, and the kingdom of God among people. The badge carried by the G. F. S. members is of the highest honor, and the best introduction to decent society, and is regarded as a good recommendation by business people. We trust that our members will do everything they can to widen the sphere of their good work by growth in membership and zeal for the honor of their branch.

What is true of the Girls' Friendly Society is even more true of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. It is our prayer and hope that our young men will realize the great opportunity they have for laudable work in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Men need the exercise of the heroic element within them. And there is nothing which keeps alive and develops true heroism as an effort to act the Christian.

Our Hallowe'en Party will be given under the auspices of the Women's Guild in the Parish House, Saturday, October 31. We have noticed a marked improvement in the management of this unique festival from year to year; and it is safe to say that the coming Hallowe'en will excel in interest and merriment all preceding ones.

The Children's Hallowe'en Party will take place in the Parish House the evening before, that is, on Friday evening, October 30th, at 7 P. M. We rely entirely upon our young people to manage the Children's Party.

On the first Sunday, November 1st, our Church celebrates All Saints' Day. It is near the closing of the Church Year, and sums up the special Saints' Day celebrations throughout the year, like those of the Apostles, St. John the Baptist and others. It originated in 610 A. D. when the heathen temple in Rome, the Pantheon, a temple dedicated to all the gods, was turned by the Bishop of Rome into a Christian Church, as the Church of All Martyrs. In the East a Festival, first of all Martyrs, then of All Saints, was and is kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost, or Whitsunday. But in the West it was removed to November 1st, when the harvest had been got in.

Its great idea is the unity of Christians, living and dead, of all ages, countries, and races, in Christ, contained in the article of the Apostles' Creed, "The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints."

Advent Sunday, the first Sunday of the Church's new year, comes on November the 29th.

The Pastor takes this opportunity of expressing to the members of our Woman's Guild his hearty appreciation of the informal reception and the beautiful bouquet of flowers they gave him on the occasion of their opening meeting this season, September 17. He wishes to say that he has enjoyed the treat immensely, and was greatly pleased to see so many members present.

He wonders if all the women of our congregation really know the character of our Women's Guild and its workings. And he wishes to say to them that if any of them ever takes a notion to do a good turn for the Church, and is at loss as to how she can do it, let her pay a friendly visit to the Guild in session, Thursday evening, and offer her services. You will be glad of your experiment.

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BAPTISMS

No.
1311, Sept. 6, Edward John Barton
1312, " 20, Donald John Peters
1313, " 20, Helen Marie Saybolt
1314, " 20, Charles Albert Clark, 3rd
1315, " 27, Albert Jones

MARRIAGES

No.
249, Sept. 16. { Frank H. Freeman / Dorothy V. Jones
250, Sept. 21, { Peter J. Kasinsky / Pearl Weber
251, Sept. 30, { Charles T. Meck / Frances N. Hepp

BURIALS

No.
607, Sept. 7, Thomas Moffatt
608, " 9, Ellen Boyle
609, " 12, John Roger Powell
610, " 25, Edward W. Riley

I do not believe that God's water of the river Jordan is more efficacious in Holy Baptism than God's water of the river Delaware. But when I stood on the banks of the river Jordan, the traditional place of our Lord's Baptism, and even went up the river aways in a row boat, I could not withstand the impulse of filling a bottle with the Jordan water, which I brought to St. George's Church; so that those who come, or are brought, to be baptized, may have the privilege of being baptized with the water of the river Jordan.

A most joyful and glorious event took place in our Community on Thursday evening, October 1st. It was the formal dedication of John Paul Jones Junior High School, of which all our people should be very proud. Your pastor was honored with the privilege of opening the solemn ceremony with prayer. That you may join him in his prayer in days to come, he deemed it well to print it as follows:

Almighty God, our Father, we give thee hearty thanks for the blessed privilege of standing together, under our glorious flag, to dedicate this splendid building, John Paul Jones High School, to the instruction and guidance of our children, our dearest heritage, into a life of usefulness and right citizenship.

Bless, we beseech thee, all the institutions and schools of learning throughout our land, but we ask thy blessing especially upon this school in our midst here.

Give our parents a true sense of appreciation, and the spirit of cooperation with all those who care for the welfare of this institution.

And upon those who administer the government and discipline bestow thy spirit of wisdom and right judgment, that through their management this school may be enriched with all temporal and spiritual good to the great increase of its usefulness.

Endue the Principal and Faculty of this school with wisdom and patience, with kindness and love.

And to our children who are taught and trained by them, give thy gracious help, that they may acquire such knowledge as may fit them for the stations in life to which they may be called; that among the manifold changes of the world, their hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; passing through things temporal they finally lose not the things eternal.

These things and whatever else thou shalt see to be good for us, and for this school, and for all mankind, we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

There is a law of life which is strangely uniform in its working, in nature as well as in people. The river Jordan runs from the north into the sea of Galilee and continues its course southward through the length of Palestine, and pours itself into the Dead Sea. The sea of Galilee is soft and sweet and full of life, because it gives as well as it receives. The Dead Sea receives, but does not give. It has no outlet. Therefore it is hard and bitter and devoid of life. It is truly dead.

The same law works inexorably in men and women. Receiving without giving is fatal to joy and happiness. Remember that spending is not giving. The purest giving is the giving to the Church, or to the things for which the Church stands; because it is not done easily. Giving is never easy; but it is wholesome. Are you not pleased when your Church prospers through the gifts of people? And are you not even still more pleased to be one of the givers? Do you know of anyone who has ever been made unhappy by giving to the Church? Or suffered from its consequence? Do you not know that a ten cent gift to the Church adds a peculiar flavor to a ten dollar pleasure?

What makes the Bible so precious is the fact that the word "give," and its synonyms, is used more than any other word in the Book. The very Gospel is the story of giving. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

Be not afraid to give. Force yourself to give. You will be the happier for it.

A very interesting and helpful program was arranged by the Church School Institute at its Annual Meeting to be held in St. James' Guild House, 2210 Sansom Street, Monday, October 5, at 3.45 and 7.30 P. M. It is a meeting specially for Sunday School workers and teachers. It is very desirable that as many as find it possible should attend this meeting.

I am glad to take this opportunity of expressing hereby my hearty appreciation of the faithful service rendered myself and congregation during my absence abroad by the Rev. Robert Oliver Kevin, Jr., during July and August, and also of Mr. William Harris, Lay-Reader of the Free Church of St. John, who officiated at the evening services in July. It is a great pleasure to have been thus accommodated by these two young gentlemen, especially so by a nearest neighbor. Their kindness has in no small measure enabled me to take this wonderful and much enjoyed trip abroad by which also I was greatly profited.—A. J. A.

If the attendance Sunday evenings in Church justifies, the Pastor will be glad to tell the congregation, point by point, of his most interesting experiences, in Portugal, Spain, Gibraltar, Italy, France, Greece, Syria, Palestine, Constantinople, and Egypt. This series of talks can be made very interesting as well as helpful. Our choir can do much in making these Church services also beautiful by appropriate music.

Our Annual Fair will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of November 19-21. Do you know how to make it successful? Just let every one who loves St. George's begin now to make something saleable for the Fair, and get his or her friends to do the same. Or think out something you may give which some one may like to buy, and get your friends do the same. Then talk, and talk, and talk to everybody about the Fair, which is going to be well stocked and well supported, and which is going to be a great success. And if it is not, it is going to be a success anyway, for you will have done your best.

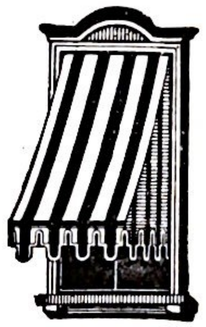
The daily school of the Polish Mission Church of the Holy Redeemer, housed in St. George's Parish House, was again opened auspiciously and in due season. It is beginning its ninth year of life and growth. It is a great pleasure to see some of its children graduating from this Mission School to the John Paul Jones Junior High School, the pride of our neighborhood. There is not a better and more intelligent lot of children than these of our Polish brethren who attend this daily Church School. It is to be hoped that our Polish congregation of the Church of the Holy Redeemer may soon have a Church and Parish building which it may call its own, and have the larger freedom of space which is necessary to growth.

"Who owns this Church, Mr. Arkin," asked a bright girl of ten, "Do you own it?" "No, Florence, I do not own this Church, the people own it."

"What people?" "All people who come to it." "You mean those people who pay?" "No, I mean *all* people who use it, those who pay and those who don't pay. You are one of the owners of this Church." "Am I? And the people who don't pay, are they also owners of this Church?" "Yes, Florence, this Church is like a family in which those who work and those who do not work in the family get their meals alike, and share all the privileges of the home alike. Mother puts the meals on the table alike for those members who help to support the family and those who cannot, or will not, work to help to keep up the home decently. There are loyal members and there are unappreciative members, but they are all owners of the Church. They all share in the same benefits of the Church."

The little girl dropped her head thoughtfully, as if much puzzled. She could not readily consent to the justice of it. She felt that something was wrong. And she was right. But the wrong is not on the side of the Church, but on the side of those people who fail to support their Church. "For He (God) maketh his sun to rise on the evil

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and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust." (Mt. 5: 45, 46). "God is not unrighteous, that he will forget your works, and labor that proceedeth of love; which love ye have shown for his name's sake." (Heb. 6: 10.)

In the face of the Life, Crucifixion, and the Resurrection of our Lord, divine worship in Church becomes a duty and not a convenience. You may hear a sermon over the radio and be greatly profited thereby. But only insofar as that sermon may make clearer to you your duty to the Church will you be truly profited thereby religiously. And if the sermon does not stir you to a more regular attendance at Holy Communion, and does not sharpen your sense of obligation to public worship for which churches are built, of what avail is the sermon! Are we to be only entertained in the face of our Lord's Life, Crucifixion and Resurrection? Did God send us the radio to detract people from Church attendance? Is it not more reasonable to assume that God sent the radio for the benefit of those who are disabled by sickness or otherwise, who cannot go to Church, and as a warning to those who can come to Church, but are in danger of drifting away from it? Whom do you expect to keep up the Church in order that you may enjoy comfortably a sermon over the radio? When the Church closes there is no sermon.

Our Lord's Life, Crucifixion and Resurrection have never been intended to make hearers of us Christians, but doers and workers. We are to *serve* God by action, the same as all service is rendered, at some painstaking and self-denial if need be. It must cost us something if our service amounts to anything. Is not this the meaning of our Lord's Life, Crucifixion and the Resurrection?

The Forty-eighth General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held this year in New Orleans, La. It will open on October 7, and close about the 24th of this month.

It meets every three years at such time and place as each previous convention choses. There are two houses in session. The House of Bishops including all the Bishops of the Church, and transacts business under the presiding Bishop chosen by the House; and the House of Deputies consisting of four clergymen and four laymen from each Diocese who are elected at its annual convention by the representatives of the Parishes of each Diocese. A bill presented either in the House of Bishops or in the House of Deputies becomes a law, or Canon, as we call it in the Church, when agreed upon by both Houses. The General Convention is the governing body of the whole Church. It is thoroughly representative, and resembles closely the United States government in its workings.

The newspapers will doubtless report some of the doings of the General Convention.

Altar flowers were placed as follows: On September 6th, by Mr. John Powell, in memory of his wife, Jane; and by Mrs. Slocum in memory of her mother and sister.

September 20th, by Mr. and Mrs. Findlater Thompson, in memory of their son Douglas.

September 27, Mrs. William Schwendeman in memory of her husband.

"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors." (Rev. 14: 13).

There is nothing so appropriate and so meaningful as placing memorial flowers on the Altar in the Church during public worship. They speak to us from the Altar of the joy of the immortality of the soul, which Christ by His sacrifice revealed to all believers.

The splendid report in the last issue of THE VISITOR by the officers of the Junior Marines camp at Laurel Springs was so good to read that it made us wish we might soon again grasp the hand of Major Biddle in recognition of his service to the Camp. Although absent himself, he saw to it that the camp was well provided with good officers and plenty of supplies. Company A, of the Junior Marines, just loves Major Biddle, their chief commander.

Our Young Men's Bible Class is to take up the study of the Old Testament history. This will offer an opportunity to all of our young men to get a clearer understanding of that part of the bible which goes under the name of Old Testament. It will be a good introduction to the study of the New Testament times.

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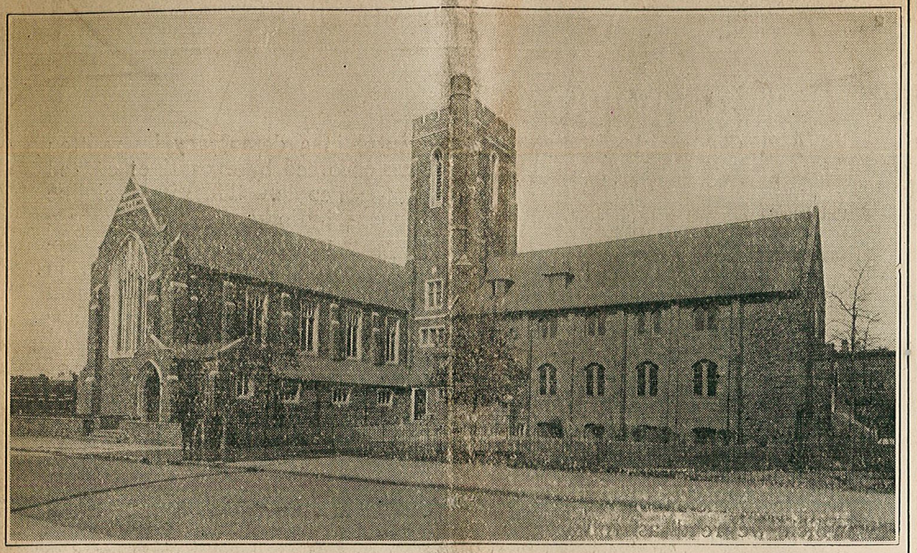
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ought to do during the year, but with special consideration to the meaning of Lent. You should minimize worldly pleasure-seeking and stress a little more Christian service. You live in a Christian community in which Lent means a great deal. You call yourself Christian. Be not thoughtless. Consult your best judgment. Show good taste and good manners. Let not your baser desires deceive you. Do not follow the crowd; but imitate the best. You have the New Testament, study it. You have the Church, respect it. You have health and means, use them for the best purposes. Be not wise in your own conceit. Do not flaunt your follies before men. Be not a parasite, but be useful. You owe to the community as much as the community owes you. You profess religion, practice it. Your neighbors need your encouragement as you need theirs. Be a gentleman not only in conventionalities, but show traits of the greatest Gentleman that ever lived, our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On the First Sunday evening in Lent the Rev. Frank Goostray, rector of the Free Church of St. John, exchanged pulpits with the Minister of St. George's.

The House Party given by Mrs. Benjamin Lang, member of the Woman's Guild, on February 10th, and the social on Shrove Tuesday evening given by the Guild in the Parish House, were both very pleasant entertainments and eminently successful.

Mrs. Fluharty's St. Valentine children's party in the Parish House February 17th was a very enjoyable occasion both for the children and the few adults present.

There is a marked improvement in the attendance of the G. F. S. candidates at their Monday evening meetings led by Amelia Boyer, Mary Schwendeman, Myrtle Maharg and Ruth MacBride, themselves erstwhile of the candidate age. We are sure of continuous and progressive improvement if these young leaders of the younger girls will continue to persevere in the good work. Regularity and promptness of attendance to the task undertaken is bound to make for growth and progress. The example of devotion to duty displayed by the leaders is of the highest value to the followers.

All little girls of candidate age have the privilege of spending a profitable evening from 7.30 to 8.45 o'clock on Mondays.

When we see the beauty of goodness as shown in the efforts made by the few faithful, whether men, women or children, we wonder why there are not more of them. Is it possible that our Lord's saying, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few," was meant as an universal principle? Was it not really a gentle rebuke to men and women of common sense? We would rather think so, for He added, "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into the harvest." We take this to be a word of comfort and of hope.

We should keep in mind that this advice is not given to ministers only, but to every member of the congregation. We all need to pray God, and pray fervently that He may stir the hearts of all those who are fully able to give some of their time and means to the work of the Church.

Word came to the village one day that the poor farmer and wife with a large family of children living in a none too spacious dilapidated cottage on his little farm on top of the hill was very much in need of food, clothing and fuel. Due to the dry season the crop was a failure, and the little children half naked suffered from want of nourishment.

Upon hearing this, a good man in the village moved with compassion took upon himself the task of relieving the sufferers. He borrowed the plumber's two wheel cart, and went about the village and filled the cart with all sorts of provisions contributed by well disposed neighbors. He then undertook to push the loaded cart up the steep hill; no one offering to help him, feeling satisfied with what they have already done. His appeal to them was met with no response. They all gave him good excuses for going about their own business. Exerting all his strength, therefore, he managed to push the cart more than half way up the hill; but the work was getting harder and harder while he was growing weaker and weaker, the sweat rolling down his cheeks. The people who happened to pass up and down the road stopped to watch him for a moment; some with pity in their faces and some with amusement, at his panting for breath. It did not occur to them that it was just as much their duty or business to relieve the people in want as it was his. But the good man continued to labor up hill. There were some small groups of young people also on either side of the road, picnicking on green grass and under shady trees, who when they saw the good man laboring under difficulties began to look on first with curiosity, then with amusement and a giggle as they saw him lose his foothold for a moment and slip back. Some of the smarter young men saw their opportunity of making the girls laugh by some funny remark, even to fling gibes within the hearing of the good man. One smart Alex even went out of his way to offer the good man, who was wiping away the sweat off his brow, mock help by placing a stone in front of the wheel and another on top of the load. Some girls laughed. Some young men smiled. But the rest of the young people remained silent with a slight expression of resentment to the insult; but none of them showed any manhood to offer assistance.

The parable ends here. The good man must have continued to labor on; and the young people must have continued their picnicking while the family in the cottage on top of the hill must have continued to starve. Perhaps as the day went on some one or more who felt that it was just as much their business to render help as it was that of the good man must have put their shoulder to the wheel and got the cart to the top of the hill. At least we should like to think so. But this is a parable,

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No.
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No.
669, Feb. 27, Jacob A. Ridgeway, Jr.

a parable on a congregation which leaves to the minister to do it all.

The attention of our people is called to the Wednesday evening Lenten services held at 8 o'clock. Our people are asked to attend them regularly, and to invite their friends to come also.

On the Sunday before Lent, at the usual session of the Sunday School, all its members present received each a Lenten Box to be taken home, kept and used during Lent for daily offering to be presented at the Church on Easter Day. This is called the Sunday School Lenten offering. Every member of the Sunday School is expected to return the box on Easter Day with as large an offering as is possible. The offering should be money saved from being spent on unnecessary things. Whatever money you can spare during Lent should go into the box. It is very desirable that St. George's Sunday School should not be behind any other Sunday School in willingness to give. In the case of our little children of the Sunday School, parents are asked to co-operate in teaching the child the meaning of giving to the Church to carry on Christian work.

Every box should have the name of the giver plainly written thereon; and we trust that the names of all the members of our Sunday School may be written on the Roll of Honor. Doing your level best before God will place your name on the Honor Roll. This is to be printed, as in past years, after Easter. We trust to be able to publish a long Honor Roll.

We wonder if you know that a bill for $86 had to be paid recently for repairs done to the heating plant of your Church? You know how it feels to see more money going out than coming in. May we not make our appeal to all those who have not turned in the blue envelope, for light and heat, to do so at the earliest convenience. Those who have not the regular envelope may use any other, writing their name thereon, and the words "Light and Heat."

It is interesting to know that the most successful boys in school are those who are compelled to work to support themselves. Those who are not compelled to work, but do so merely to get spending money, are least successful.

In failures the percentage of non-workers and workers for "pin money" is larger than of those who are compelled to work. These are the findings of a very careful investigation. The inference is very natural. The boy who is compelled to work to keep up his studies in school is usually more earnest than the average boy under more favorable circumstances. He appreciates more truly the things before him than the others; and he does the work before him with a will, and his ways are well thought out.

We see this process going on all around us.

There are many growing up people in our congregation who can say with St. Paul: "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I argued like a child; now that I am a man (or woman), I am done with childish ways." Heretofore I was in Sunday School, taught the A. B. C. of the Christian religion; brought a penny or a nickel as my contribution to the great work of the Church; things were done for me. Now that I am confirmed, having reached the age of discretion, with responsibility of one in the ranks, I am done with childish ways; I must act like a man or woman in sharing with all others the burden of the Church. I must give to the best of my ability with the same cheerfulness as I received in my childhood days. I must have my name on the mailing list. I must have a set of weekly envelopes as other members. I must take a place among the men and women who take a real interest in the welfare of the Church. For as I grow older I grow wiser; and as the light begins to mingle with shadows I see the ways of God with deeper truth.

Dear Editor:

Of course every one is curious, perhaps anxious, to know about the Young People's Fellowship, especially the young people who are looking forward to becoming members of it.

A month has passed since the Fellowship meetings changed from Tuesday to Sunday evenings, and already signs of promise are in evidence. Each meeting finds a few more young men and women seeking membership in the Fellowship who is always glad to welcome visitors and new members. Every one over sixteen years of age is eligible for membership.

A committee was appointed to pick out a suitable play. The Fellowship feels that with the co-operation of all the talented young people, who are members of the Church, it can put the play over very successfully.

The Heart Party given by the Fellowship members and their friends on St. Valentine's Day proved to be one of the best parties ever given by it. The refreshments were delicious. The Fellowship is looking forward to another such party to be given after Lent.

Swimming and diving and playing in the water is one of the diversions of the Fellowship.

When the weather favors we go hiking.

The annual dance given by the Diocesan Young People's Fellowships was held at the Brookline Square Club on Monday, February 20th. It certainly was a dance worth going to; and all those who like dancing, and failed to attend this one, truly missed a wonderful time.

We extend to you a cordial invitation to our Sunday evening meetings at 6.45 sharp, if you are considering membership in the Fellowship.

KATHRYN SIEFERT.

This is a very nice description of the general character of the Y. P. F. only we think it is somewhat incomplete, and is therefore subject to misunderstanding. It is true that the Fellowship is made up of young people of modern age with all that it implies, whatever this may mean; but it is also true that the Fellowship is made up of Church girls and Church boys. This is in our opinion the most important consideration. For at the baptismal font the minister in the presence of the congregation, or chosen witnesses, solemnly declares: "We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock, and do sign him (or her) with the sign of the Cross, in token that hereafter he (or she) shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his (or her) life's end," to which all present say, *Amen,* which means, So be it. The point is, that there is an inexplicable tendency to regard religion as unpopular, that the very mention of prayer meeting or Church going is sufficient to drive young people away. You must advertise a dance or refreshment to draw not only the young but the old who strive to pass for young.

Altar flowers were placed as follows: February 2nd, by the family in memory of Robert Moffatt; by the Woman's Guild and some good women of the Parish throughout the month.

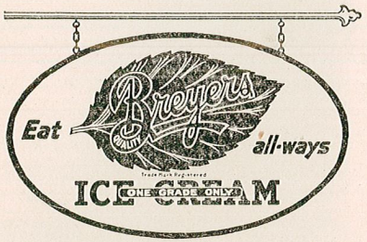
It is very gratifying to come to service and find the altar decorated with flowers. It is quite in keeping with our faith to worship the Lord in beauty of holiness.

Again we make our appeal to our people to utilize the opportunity of Lenten season in prayer and good works. We ask for greater efforts in showing our love for the Church. "Let your light so shine before men that they see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven."



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MARINES' PAGE

Several years ago Major Pedersen formulated an oath and a set of "Commandments." They are as follows:

Our motto is: "Semper Paratus."

Our oath: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God, to my country, and in my home, and observe the Junior Marine Code as follows:

A Junior Marine is always ready:

1. To obey his parents and other persons under whose care his parents place him.
2. To befriend and help all who are in need, especially fellow Marines.
3. To be courteous to all, especially older persons and little children.
4. To respect the religious convictions of others.
5. To protect the weak and to be kind to harmless animals.
6. To keep himself clean physically and mentally in habit, in thought and deed.
7. To be trustworthy in all his undertakings.
8. To voluntarily submit himself to all Junior Marine officers, and non-commissioned officers of higher rank than he in all reasonable commands during any formation, meeting or camp period of Junior Marines.

We regret that Major Biddle was unable to visit Company "A" before his departure for Nicaragua. We were all ready to show Major Biddle some snappy drilling, and bid him farewell. Still we feel that on his return we will have something even greater to show him. Major Biddle invited us to visit the Marine Barracks on his return. We are going to give a review before his coming class of Marine officers, while they, in return, are going to give us a few pointers. Here is a worthwhile invitation, and something to look forward to.

The officers of Companies "A" and "B" held a conference in St. George's Chapel, Venango, on February 8, 1928, Major Pedersen presided, and led a discussion on plans which would better both Companies. The first step taken was to make a ruling which would bring about a uniformity in both Companies. It is to be understood that it is quite impracticable for each Company to follow a different system of drill. Uniformity and co-operation will spell a bright future for the Junior Marines.

"I very much value the hearty welcome with which Company "A" Junior Marines receive me whenever I drop in to their meeting. Company "A" and the Church choir are alike in one respect.

Different societies come and go, but the choir and the Marines go on forever. At times there are boys who belong to both, and I would suggest to all my choir-boys to join Company "A"; but to continue to help the choir also."

—Corporal Butcher.

Company "A" deeply mourns the loss in death of Colonel W. R. Nicholson, on February 22nd. Colonel Nicholson was a great leader and a wonderful friend of the boys. During his visits to our Company he was always greatly impressed, and showed his kindly feelings. We sincerely regret the passing of such a friend of our Company.

Wednesday, February 15th, our basketball teams scored decisive victories over Company "B's" teams. Our first team trimmed Company "B" first to the tune of 14 to 5, Vitt scoring the only field goal for his team. Captain Cooper, who did so well in the other game, was blotted out of the picture by the excellent playing of Captain Bond at guard. Our Captain was all over him like a tent. Cooper's total for the evening was one foul goal. The "Four Horsemen," Martin, Davidson, Farrel and Roch, rode rough shod over the opposition. Bob Kennedy scored the most points, and played a very smart game. "Stretch" Weiss, our center, played fine, and easily outjumped the opposing center.

Our second team beat Company "B" second 18 to 2, and shut them out without a field goal. Oehme, Boyle and Sieger were the stars of this game. J. Davidson, J. Martin, Mullen and Waldner were also very much in the game. Next year the first team will have to hustle to keep these boys from crowding them out of the limelight.

The younger boys of the Company are learning much from watching the "Four-Horsemen," and most of them show great promise of becoming experts in the near future.

In a very short time a general promotion will take place in our Company. We are having a lively time in picking the lucky ones. A new officer will be appointed, as well as several non-commissioned officers. Here is a chance that may not come again. Keep awake and show that you are deserving of a promotion.

We congratulate the Boy Scouts of America on their 18th Anniversary. This organization and our own Junior Marines are both striving for the same goal: better boys, who will become better men.

When the Young People's Fellowship held their St. Valentine Party in our Blue Room, our Company was once more represented. Cupid, with the help of our "nifty" room surely made the evening a glorious one.

All the boys of St. George's Church should become Junior Marines, because it is so different from any other organization. Camping time is best of all, with swimming and other athletics. Our boys are coming along fine for their coming competition drill with Company "B." Of course, the boys of Company "A" expect to win.

—Private George Boyle.

George Boyle is becoming a regular contributor to our "Notes." Keep it up, George.

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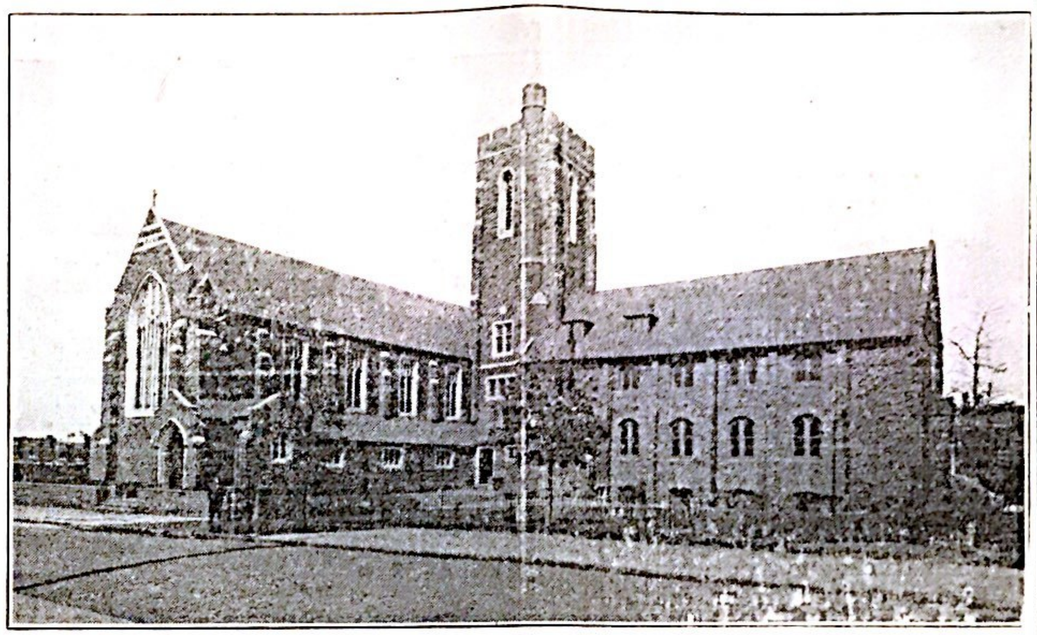
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EASTER

Easter. What is in a name? A rose by any other name would be just as beautiful and as fragrant. Indeed, it is only the English and German speaking people who call it Easter. The other, non-Teutonic, nations cling to the variously spelled word derived from the Aramaic *pesach*, which means "to pass by." What relationship there is between Easter and Pesach we know not. All we know is that when an Englishman speaks of Easter, and a Spaniard of Pascua, and a Frenchman of Páques, and an Italian of Pasqua, etc., etc., they all mean the same thing. What is the thing?

The basket is essential to the proper carrying of fruit. But who ever thinks of eating the basket? Or who ever cares for the shape or color of the basket as long as the fruit contained therein is sweet and wholesome?

Christian people do not pretend to celebrate the heathen spring festival in honor of the goddess Ostara, or Eastre, of the primitive Angles and Saxons, or the Passover of the Jews; but they do with all sincerity, as they should, observe most appropriately the Feast of the Resurrection.

Who can deny good sense, high intelligence and a deep feeling of appreciation to the heathen for celebrating the return of springtime, the most joyful and quickening season of the year? Who can deny to the Jews, in addition to these things, an unconquerable national feeling and abhorrence of slavery for celebrating the Passover, the commemoration of freeing themselves from Egyptian bondage? What Christian is there so devoid of all these things as not to welcome with heart and soul the privilege of celebrating in an appropriate way the Resurrection of Him who gave Himself not only to set us and all mankind free from the worst bondage, the slavery of sin and the fear of death, but has also given us assurance of life eternal. Then, let us sing:

'Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
Hell today is vanquish'd, heav'n is won today;
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him, their true Creator, all His works adore.
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
All fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
Speak His sorrow ended, hail His triumph now.
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
Hours and passing moments praise Thee in their flight;
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee!
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
Thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
Of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
Manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

Thou of life the author, death didst undergo,
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
Come then True and Faithful, now fulfill Thy word;
'Tis Thine own third morning: rise, O buried Lord!
"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;
All that now is fallen raise to life again;
Show Thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
Bring again our daylight: day returns with Thee!
Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today.

HOLY WEEK

The last week in Lent has been called by some Holy Week; not that the days of this week are any holier than the days of any other week, but because they are commemorative of a series of events in the life of our Lord which are of momentous importance to the life of men and women. One of these greatest events in the history of mankind is the Lord's Supper "on the night in which he was betrayed," the evening before the Crucifixion.

In the Book of Common Prayer the last Sunday in Lent is designated as "The Sunday next before Easter." And so are also the days throughout that week.

Our chief concern, however, is not so much with names as with the things they signify. Your attention, therefore, is principally called to the services we are to hold in Church during the week before Easter, as follows:

Wednesday, Evening Prayer, at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, Evening Holy Communion, 8 o'clock.

Good Friday, Services, at 10.30 A. M and 8 P. M.

EASTER-DAY

Holy Communion at 8 and 10.30 A. M.

Sunday School Festival and Presentation of the Lenten Offering in Church at 2 P. M.

Evensong at 7.30 o'clock.

DUTY

Duty; how small a word it is! It is astounding how out of proportion the magnitude of the meaning is to the size of the word containing it. It is amazing to think how much is contained in each word: Life, Love, Light, Air, Sun, God, Duty. With which one of these can civilization dispense and remain? There may be some who make a show of dispensing with God, or Duty; but it is only a mock show. It is like dispensing with the Sun by drawing down the curtains, or closing your eyes. One may thus try to shut out the sun and still live, as long as the sun is still in the skies. Or he may try to leave God out of his life and still continue his existence, as long as God continues to reign in the universe and in the hearts of men and women around him; just as he may dispense with Duty and remain, as long as Duty "furnishes in itself a natural motive of action of the highest order, and wholly distinct from all the refinements and modifications of self-interest;" or as long as Duty continues to be "the social instinct guided by reason," and "is in all healthy communities the one thing sacred and supreme." Can you mention anything civil, or well bred, without implying Duty? As well may one live without breathing as to live the life of a man or woman without a sense of duty.

Neglect of duty is always followed by suffering, while there is health and peace in the doing of it. The adjective "dutiful" is a sufficient description of the best father, mother, child, and neighbor. What can we wish for better than one who is honest in his duty to God and duty to neighbor?

ITEMS OF INTEREST

On Easter Day at 2 P. M. we are

to hold our Sunday School festival on which occasion the Lenten boxes distributed among our children will be returned, and their Offering for Missions will be formally presented. We are not insensible to the hard time of unemployment in these days. But we naturally expect from our people to do their best on Easter-Day. We should rejoice to be able to place the names of all our children on the Honor Roll in order of distinction, which will be published in the following issue. We cherish just enough pride to see St. George's Sunday School in the front ranks. Parents can do much in helping to do that.

The glory of a Christian congregation is its size of attendance at divine worship, especially on Easter-Day. We pray therefore for a large attendance. But there is another feature which goes along with that characteristic, and that is the size of our social gatherings.

On Tuesday following Easter-Day, April 10, at 8 P. M., a parish meeting has been arranged for by the Church Council, to which our members and friends are most cordially invited. It is obviously a meeting principally for adults. We trust that our Parish House will be filled with our people on that pleasant occasion.

Every year our Churches in the Diocese of Pennsylvania are holding a Diocesan Convention, presided over by the Bishop. It is made up of the clergymen and three lay delegates of each congregation. The next Convention will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, Tuesday, May 1st, in the morning, and will last two days. At this Convention, for the hearing of the Bishop's annual report of the Church's work and other business transactions, there will be an election of a Bishop Coadjutor, who is to help the Bishop in his work, and succeed him in office when the time comes. The galleries of the Church are free to visitors.

In the February issue of THE VISITOR we reported a balance of $96.75 due on the Kneeling Benches installed in the Church three months ago. We received since: From the late Mrs. Henry C. Stott, shortly before leaving this world, $5; Mr. and Mrs. Hagy, $2; Mrs. William Foster, $5; Mrs. John Blohsfield, $5; Mrs. Eckes, $4, leaving a balance due of $75.75. We trust that the generosity of our members and friends will reduce this to zero; then shall we all be glad thereof.

On a recent visit of inspectors of the Philadelphia Fire Underwriters Association they discovered some defects, mostly in the original installation of the electric lighting of our Parish House, which defects, for the safety of our building, will have to be removed without delay. Information of the cost thereof will be given later.

Our Boy Scout Troop 60 is one of the greatest opportunities which our Church offers to parents for the development of decent manly character in their boys of 12 and upward. The Boy Scout movement is national in its scope. It is by no means mere play. But whatever play there is in it, to which every boy has a right, is calculated to contribute to the placing him in right relationship to God, home and country; teaching him self-reliance and clean living. The badge of a Boy Scout, honorably worn, is the best introduction into decent social, as well as business, circles.

For the consolation of those the sunshine of whose home has been clouded by affliction, to which we are all subject inexorably, we take the liberty of reprinting the following lines, which appeared anonymously in the March number of the *Diocesan News*, under the title of CHRIST THE COMFORTER.

The one who speaks evidently speaks from the deep experience which is our common lot:

"Besides the dead I knelt for prayer,
And felt a Presence as I prayed.
Lo! it was Jesus standing there.
He smiled: 'Be not afraid!' "

"Lord, Thou hast conquered death, we know;
Restore again to life," I said,
"This one who died an hour ago."
He smiled: "She is not dead!"

"Asleep then, as Thyself didst say;
Yet Thou canst lift the lids that keep
Her prisoned eyes from ours away!"
He smiled: 'She doth not sleep!"

"Nay then, tho' haply she do wake,
And look upon some fairer dawn
Restore her to our hearts that ache!"
He smiled: "She is not gone!"

"Alas! too well we know our loss,
Nor hope again our joy to touch,
Until the stream of death we cross!"
He smiled: "There is no such!"

"Yet our beloved seem so far,
The while we yearn to see them near,
Albeit with Thee we trust they are."
He smiled: "And I am here!"

"Dear Lord how shall we know that they
Still walk unseen with us and Thee,
Nor sleep, nor wander far away?"
He smiled: "Abide in Me."

At a recent service held in Christ Church, 2nd and Market Streets, in memory of the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, who worshipped in that Church, and whose body rests in the Old Christ Church Burial Ground, at Fifth and Arch Streets, the Rev. Dr. Washburn, who delivered the address, quoted from Benjamin Franklin's writings, among other things, the following:

"Here is my Creed: I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe. That He governs it by His providence. That He should be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we render to Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal, and will be tried with justice in another life respecting its conduct in this. As to Jesus of Nazareth, I think the system of morals and His religion, as He left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to see. Having experienced the goodness of the Supreme Being in conducting me prosperously in a long life, I have no doubt in its continuance in the next, though without the smallest conceit of meriting such goodness."

None but the queer may doubt the honesty of this American statesman, scientist, philosopher and patriot; or his good sense. Is not the claim of immunity from Church attendance, however it is worded today, only a cloak for shamefaced shifting of responsibility?

Mrs. Annesley and Mrs. Schwendeman, two of our most faithful women, have undertaken the task of looking after and guiding our girls of the Candidate Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society. For this our congregation should be grateful. It is remarkable how readily the little girls respond to faithful guidance. We do not hesitate to say, therefore, that the service which

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BAPTISMS

No.
1393, March 4, Thelma Dolores Miller
1394, " 15, Josephine Jean Casper

BURIALS

No.
670, March 6, Gine Pedersen
671, " 19, Sarah Ellen Stott
672, " 23, William Thomas Radford

these two young women, who are also among the faithful workers in the Sunday School, are rendering to the Church is also invaluable to the community and is precious in the sight of God. Our Lord speaks of laying up treasures in heaven. This is one of the ways which come nearest to following His advice. They stand out in sharp contrast to the ways of those who heed it not. It is the difference between living for the present and living for both present and future.

It is true that the sun shines on all alike; but that does not prove that they *are* all alike, or that they will be.

A group of scholars in the University of Chicago have just issued a modern translation of the Old Testament, which, as is known, was originally written in Hebrew. The following is a sample from the Book of Proverbs:

"I passed by the field of the sluggard, By the vinyard of the man without sense: And lo! it was all overgrown with thistles, Its surface was covered with nettles, And its stone wall was broken down. I looked, and reflected upon it; I saw and learned a lesson. 'A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of hands to rest'—So will poverty come upon you like a footpad, And want like an armed man."

If you look at this as a parable on spiritual laziness, you will see that its result is even more tragic.

If you think that the Sunday School and the Church are the place to get knowledge of the Bible, of the Christian religion, and all that it implies, you are right. But if you think that anyone, small or big, can get this knowledge by staying away from them, or play the truant, you are wrong. If therefore your children grow up in ignorance of these things, blame not the Sunday School nor the Church; but remove the things which stand in the way of faithful and regular attendance; unless your own estimation of the value of such knowledge is very small.

To the question, which we would rather have our children grow up: good and ignorant, or bad and well informed? our answer is: that if it did not make any difference to the questioner, we would rather have them grow up both good and well informed.

Listen to a parable: In a certain village there lived a man. Being honest and good, as he himself said, he scrupulously stayed away from Church, lest he touch elbows with a hypocrite who might be there. But he had no objection to his children going to Sunday School, if they wanted to; or to their participating in the activities and recreations of the various Church societies; for, as he himself said, "It is better for them to be in Church than running the streets, or get into bad company. When they are in Church, I know that they are in a wholesome atmosphere."

His reasons for staying away from Church services, given to the Minister, were the reasons which many other like good and honest men give for staying away from Church, and are too familiar to be repeated. So the Minister ceased troubling him.

But one Lord's Day the Minister was surprised to see the good and honest man at Church service. And as his attendance at Church services continued regularly thereafter, it puzzled the Minister as much as did his absence theretofore. So, no more able to restrain his curiosity, the Minister asked him the reason. After some hesitation the good and honest man said: "Since you have asked me, I must tell you all: One Sunday, as I lay on my couch reading the newspaper, while my wife busied herself in the kitchen, I fell asleep, and dreamed that my body was dead and buried, and I stood facing St. Peter at the gate. He looked at me inquiringly, and I knew that he asked for my claims to that entrance. So, I said with much courage: 'I never was drunk; I did not steal, nor rob, nor kill; I did not beat my wife nor quarreled with her, nor with my neighbors; I did not owe a cent to anybody.' I was only half through of the things I did not do when the great Apostle interrupted me gently, and said, 'Excuse me, son. We here keep no record of things *not* done. For no thing is nothing. We only keep record here of things *done*. Now, tell me what things have you done to help perpetuate the cause of Christ on earth? We apostles, in conformity with His will, organized the Church for that very purpose; and passed it on to generations to come, which in their turn should do the same. Have you done this? And have you encouraged others by your example to do the same?' As St. Peter spoke I felt very uncomfortable, and I awoke. I thought the matter over, and came to the conclusion that, since I am not in position to enter into the activities of the Church, the least I can do, and ought to do, is to attend public worship, as a witness to Christ. It may be little, but it is *doing* something."

The Church Council informs us that there are 30 sets of envelopes

on hand to be asked for by those who have none. Every one of our members should consider it a sacred duty to provide himself or herself with a set of weekly envelopes for regular Sunday offering, according to ability. This is not only scriptural, but it is also in conformity with the laws and customs of our Church.

Our good women have provided flowers for the Altar throughout the last month. In addition to these, memorial flowers were placed as follows: March 4, by Mrs. Bond and sisters, in memory of mother. March 11, by John Staudenmaier, in memory of mother.

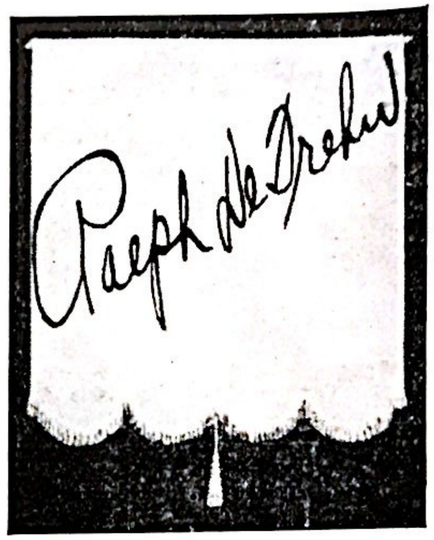
Our people are invited to help decorate our Church with flowers on Easter-Day, either by gifts or loans. Such as desire to loan their potted flowers, will please mark them with the name of the owner, so that they may properly be returned after Easter.

Our Young Men's Athletic Association is improving greatly with the help and assistance of Maurice Boyer and William Ahlers. We are attempting to form an exhibition team, which will be made up of the best members who show interest and learn. We are now taking in new members, and we especially welcome those who will try.—B. & A.

When will young people learn this lesson, namely, that one pays for everything he gets? The Scotsman discovered it. He said to a friend: "I have found a really wonderful dentist. Every time he extracts a tooth he gives his patient a drink to stimulate him." "Then what are you so gloomy about?" asked the friend. "Did he run out of whisky?" "No, I ran out of teeth."

"If a man die shall he live again?" This question is as old as Job of the Old Testament and older. Our Lord answers it: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit." "I am the resurrection and the life, etc." "Because I live, ye shall live also." "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

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We extend hearty Easter greetings to all our readers and friends.

Well, boys, another winter has gone by, and it will soon be camping time. There has been some bad weather, and we slowed up a bit; but come, boys, snap out of it and let every fellow hustle and make our Company the pride of all Junior Marines.—*Sergeant Stanley Tway.*

The boy who brings your copy of THE VISITOR is usually a Junior Marine. If you have a boy about his age, 9 years and up, let the J. M. tell him all about it.

We had quite a surprise when by the end of his first lesson in signaling, Private Bartholomew could do it as well as his instructors.

In the tournament, March 19, to spot out the best foul shooters in our Company, Norman Holst won the first round by defeating George Boyle in the finals. We shall continue these tests to find the Champion.

"Company A!" Where have I heard this name before? I'll tell you where. "Company A" is an organized group of boys; meeting every Monday evening at 7.30; for the small sum of five cents a week. You can belong to the greatest organization of boys in America. These boys, under the immediate leadership of Captain Olaff Peterson, Major A. J. Drexel-Biddle, Commander-in-Chief, are well taught to live up to their motives, among which are learning to drill in the right way, playing square, being honest and courageous. These, you can see, are the qualities which make fine, strong men, both physically and mentally. Every letter in the name JUNIOR MARINES stands for a word denoting an excellent quality:

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They are all incorporated in the Junior Marine Code, with a copy of which every member is provided.

Lieut. Alfred Davidson.

Lieut. Chas. A. Miller, a former Marine, and who recently joined our staff of drillmasters, is confident that in a short time Company "B" will reach the high rating of the first class squads of Company "A."

Capt. George Henderson thinks the assignment of Lieuts. James C. Gordon and Charles A. Miller to Company "B" as a great stride forward for that Company; and expects with their co-operation to have the boys in such a shape by May as to become stiff competitors for Company "A."

The officers of Company "A" are invited to attend the inspection of Company "B" April 11, in the new building of the Chapel, Venango.

Reading between the lines, I take it that Captain Henderson, Lieut. Miller and Junior Marine Captain Cooper are all congratulating Company "A," and not without cause. For Company "A" is a splendid organization and worthy of the compliments paid to it. However, Company "B" is not far behind it, and the judges who are to decide the merits of both Companies in competition drill during May will no doubt find it difficult to choose the winner.—*Major Halftan Pedersen.*

Company "B" has discovered a good basketball star in Chickie Iskel. He should be a helpful factor to Company "B's" team. We are out to avenge those two pastings which Company "A" handed us. Although we have to bide our time till next year, we are going to undergo strenuous workouts while the weather permits, and try to bring home the bacon next year.

With the aid of Major Pedersen, Company "B" is progressing rapidly with the fundamental rules of the "School of the Soldier." Three weeks ago we started work anew with marked improvement. We abandoned the use of our so-called rifles for other important work. Under the tutorship of Captain Henderson and two other newly acquired men, Lieut. Miller and Lieut. Gordon, Company "B" hopes to be in good shape for the coming competition drill in May. If the work of the boys advances, as it has in the past three weeks, we are going to be very much in the running to win this meet. We hope and expect to be in tiptop shape by May. —*Captain Ed. Cooper.*

Mario Rossi's brother, Aldo, is the latest addition to Company "A." Mario is sure his tent will be dry this year.

Lieut. Weiss says he earns his pin money in a bowling alley. Incidentally he takes setting-up exercises.

It is the love, energy and attention which its members have given to Company "A" that inspired the boys of St. George's Chapel, Venango, to form Company "B," which is coming along with great success. Company "B" has visited us several times to play basketball and watch us drill; and most of our boys have seen Company "B" in action at their Church, and admired their enthusiasm and loyalty.—*Corporal James Davidson.*

The Davidson brothers, Al and Jim, contribute some good stuff in this issue. Lieut. Alfred tried to outdo his brother, the Corporal, by writing his copy on pink paper.

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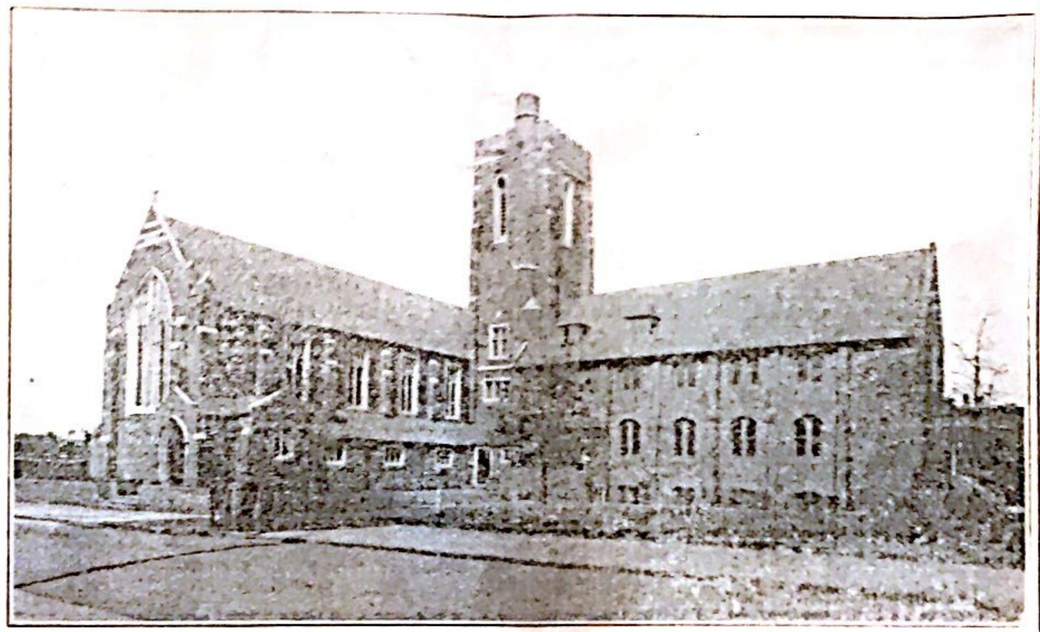
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FAITHFULNESS IN LITTLE

There is a vast difference between faithfulness in little and little faithfulness. Our Lord brought out this difference very sharply in His Parable of The Pounds as recorded by St. Luke 19: 12-27.

You remember in that story a nobleman went abroad to obtain royal power for himself and then return. He first called his ten servants, giving them each a five-pound note, and telling them, "Trade with this till I come back." On his return he ordered the servants to be called who had been given the money, that he might find out what business they had done.

Those servants who conscientiously did their best to justify his trust in them he rewarded liberally, addressing each one of them, "Thou hast been faithful in a trifle, have thou authority over" so many cities. But for the servant who did not try at all, and returned the five-pound note which he kept laid up in a napkin, the nobleman had no use, and he was dismissed with contempt. The difference between him and the others was, the others were faithful in a little, and he was a little faithful.

Once upon a time a truck loaded with people, men, women and children, on their way home, stalled just before reaching the top of the hill. A kindly man who happened to pass by in his machine offered his help. The truck was tied up to the rear axle of the machine while the men helped to push the heavy load behind. But it soon became evident that the rope was on the point of snapping with certain disastrous result, as the breaks on the truck did not work. At this critical moment a looker-on rushed up and added his force to the effort of those who were pushing behind. Just this little was needed to keep the rope from breaking, and the truck reached the top of the hill.

So it is with carrying the burden of Church support. The little which you may give is just that little which is needed to carry on the burden sucessfully. And when you are faithful in that little you are helping exceedingly much.

Why not put your shoulder to the wheel which will insure the success of the efforts of all the others.

ASCENSION DAY

All public demonstrations are outward expressions of inward convictions. Where there are no convictions there are no demonstrations. Faith, like hope and love, seek outward expression; hence, the Church with its forms of worship and its sacraments. Church services, including the offices of Baptism and Holy Communion, are expressions of faith in God. A funeral service is the expression not only of heartfelt sympathy with the afflicted, and the sorrow which comes from separation, but also of the hope for the immortality of the soul. A marriage service is the expression of the mutual love and respect of the contracting parties. That is how these demonstrations came into existence in the natural and normal life of mankind. To deny these spiritual realities outward expression is to dwarf and stifle them. To facilitate their outward expression is to develop and strengthen them. All living things seek the light of the sun.

In ancient times people thought the earth was flat; that God dwelt on high above the vaulted sky where heaven was. Thoughts, such as coming from God, and going to God, were naturally expressed by the words "descending" and "ascending." The sun was "rising" in the morning and "going down" in the evening. We still retain these anciently coined words, but they carry today different meanings. We dislike to part with the baskets woven by our ancestors, though we carry in them different fruit. For practical purposes they are just as good as new ones. Perhaps it has been found difficult to improve upon them.

During the early years of the growth of the Christian Church heathen people who sought admission into that Fellowship naturally asked what was required of them, and were told that they should believe on the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of the world. And to preserve the unity and universality, or catholicity, of the faith, a brief statement of the personality, life and teaching of our Lord was agreed upon. This statement, or articles of belief, was named the Apostles' Creed. They are a brief summary of the faith of the Apostles, which is also the faith of every Christian. This faith, or conviction, seeks outward expression in the Church services of the Christian Year, the dramatization of the Apostles' Creed.

One of these Articles of the Christian Faith is, "He ascended into heaven," which finds expression in the Church service of Ascension Day. It is the act of commemorating our Lord's returning to whence He came. Such an act is very natural to every Christian believer.

Ascension Day comes on Thursday, May 17th. We shall, therefore, according to our usual custom, hold the service in the evening, at 8 o'clock, and we invite all Christian people to join us in this expression of our common faith.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Of immediate interest naturally is the result of our Easter Offerings to date. They are as follows: Congregation, by Easter envelopes, $171.95; Woman's Guild, $100; Athletic Association, $10; Boy Scouts, $10; Junior Marines, $10; Mrs. Annesley's Sunday School Class, $10; Mrs. Schwendeman's Class, $12; Beginners', $5.

From the Sunday School for Missions by Lenten Boxes: Main Department, $50.71; Primary Department, $65.59; Beginners', $18.84. In other ways: Main Department, $12; Primary Department, $35.23. From the whole Sunday School by Birthday Offerings, $12.01. We have yet to hear from the Little Helpers.

This is a very respectable showing; and we cherish the hope that our children will do even better next year.

The Pastor is naturally gratified,

and appreciates the efforts of all those of the congregation who have done their best; and fondly trusts that the good will, and love for the Church, will continue to grow in the hearts of the congregation.

HONOR ROLL

In conformity with our time-honored custom, we publish this Roll of Honor bearing the names of those of our Sunday School who distinguished themselves in their Lenten Offerings. The amounts range from $5.50 to 2 cents. The minimum on the Roll of Honor is 40 cents. The names are placed in order of distinction. It is, of course, impossible for us, being human, to place the names in order of the degree of self-denial of each contributor. Only God, who knows the heart, can do that. We can only be guided by figures. For this is humanly the usual index of inward feelings.

If there is any error, or omission, in this Roll, we ask to be advised. Any further returns will be published in the next issue.

The Roll of Honor to date stands as follows: Jesse Wanner, Maurice Boyer, Walter Middleton, Claire Middleton, Philip John Holland, Joseph Staudenmaier, Virginia Berkelbach, Myrtle Maharg, William Radford, Jennie Tietz, Adelna Krauss, Mildred Krauss, Ruth Schwendeman, Raymond Millington, Charles Radford, Helen Hayes, Alvin Ahlers, Margaret Birney, Fred Becker, Kathryn Siefert, John Herbert McKinley, Marion Savage, Thomas Moffet, Stanley Luff, Eleanor Rowe, Alma Stevenson, Thelma Cook, Ralph Luff, Irene Cook, Frances Scott, John Boyle, Elmer Sutters, Amelia Lebo, Henry Jacobson, Harold Kern, Edith Saybolt, Isabella Kirland, Richard Lang, Harold Bond, Thelma Friel, William McKinley, Betty Yocum, Roy Bond, Jane Eastburn, Marie Saybolt, Margaret Wamback, Dorothy McKinley, Ruth MacBride, Amelia Boyer, Walter Hansen, Mary Schwendeman, Elmer Kern, William Ahlers, Elmer Weiss, Fred Keller, Mary Carswell, Howard Campbell, Russell Kern, Doris Campbell, Hilda Verengren, Dorothy Auckland, Raymond Magill, Raymond Gail, Edward Everly, Kathryn Stott, William Auckland, Olaff Peterson, Valeria Wark, Althea Newman, Betty Peterson, Verna Peterson, Ruth Henderson, Laura Henderson, Roberta Barringer, Elsie Miller, Bessie Risley, Henry Wesseling, Charles Miller, Dolores Zawacki, Elaine Farrel, George Henderson, David Farrel, Kathryn Toomey, Emma Toomey, Richard Mellor, Ruth Wark, Rena Bartle, Elsie MacBride, William Mellor, John Carswell, John Mellor, George Pleasure, William Gorman, Charles Mellor, Margaret Carswell, Margaret Bartle, Edna Saxton, John Jacobson, Lillian Tasker, Thomas McKinley, Isabel Seningen, Joseph Martin, John Bartle, George Bartle, John McWilliams, Martha Martin, William Martin, Elizabeth Stahler, John Seningen, Julius Kovach, Edith Dougherty, Robert Henderson, Robert Kovach, Alice Dougherty, Margaret York, Helen Kovach.

The formal presentation of the Sunday School Lenten Offering of all the Sunday Schools of our district will be made at the grand service to be held at the Church of St. Simeon, Ninth Street and Lehigh Avenue, Sunday, May 13th, at 3.30 P. M.

There will be a similar service held in the Church of the Holy Trinity; but the delegates of our Sunday School and others of this district have been assigned to St. Simeon's Church. We trust to have a goodly delegation from St. George's Sunday School. The teachers are requested to make the proper arrangements.

Troop 60 of our Boy Scouts held its *Camporee* in the assembly room of our Parish House Friday evening, April 20th, in the presence of invited parents. The program was as follows: Address of Welcome by Scoutmaster, James J. Gannon; followed by a brief address of the Pastor. Formal inspection of the Troop by S. Kurtz Hingley, Field Executive. District 10. Exhibitions: Scout Laws and Oath, by Cooper. Knot Tying by Spiewak and Laskowski: Bowline, Square, Shipshank, Fisherman, Figure Eight, Timberhitch, Clovehitch, Two Halfhitchers.

The use of Knife and Axe by Steinman. Bugling by Rzepnicki. Compass Reading, by Kruszewski. Signaling by Bauer. Nature Study and Maps by Becker and Destler. Carpentry by Sylvester. First Aid by Ahlers. Camping by Kleinot and Kometa.

This exhibition was followed by an address on Scouting in General by Finley McKickin. He was followed by Elmer Barford on "First-Class Scout, Who He Is, and What He Is."

This program was carried out splendidly, and was closed by a few remarks from Scoutmaster Gannon, and refreshments. It was a unique and most interesting exhibition, and we are looking forward to another "Camporee" in the near future.

The second Sunday in May has been, by common consent, called Mother's Day. This is another illustration of how the noblest feelings of the heart seek outward expression, so that they, like seed hid in the ground, seeking light, may live and grow and develop into flower and fruition. (See article on Ascension Day.) The observance of Mother's Day is bound to bring out the true conception of motherhood in civilized life not only to children and fathers, but also to mothers themselves. Take for example the following sentence uttered by Governor Campbell, and quoted largely, on the occasion of Mother's Day observance:

"Mother's Day is observed in grateful, loving remembrance of her who, in our infancy and the tender years of childhood, guarded us with the majesty of her love; in youth, blessed us with her devotion; and in our manhood, led us to a proper conception of the responsibilities and duties of life and made more clear the way up which all nations must ascend in God's time."

Thus, utterances of this sort, called out by Mother's Day observance, and made popular, may in time become a source of enlightenment to many mothers, yes, and unto fathers also, showing them that the real function of parenthood goes far

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BAPTISMS

No.
1395, April 1, George Haworth, Jr.
1396, " 1, Albert Hawerth
1397, " 8, Joseph Raymond Weston
1398, " 9, Emma Louisa Furlong
1399, " 9, Kathlee Ellen Whyano

BURIALS

No.
673, April 2, Florence Helen Blohsfield
674, " 12, John F. Summers
675, " 13, Rose E. Johnson
676, " 17, Wilhelmina Davis
677, " 28, Josephine Jean Casper

beyond the giving to children spending-money, and affording them a "good time." Such utterances will make such parents appreciate more fully the necessity and importance of example of Christian living to their children. For sad and perplexing as it may be, it is a fact, that some children have finer tastes and a higher conception of life than their parents. If Mother's Day observance will, as it is bound to do, raise to the highest the estimate of motherhood in mothers' hearts, it will have bestowed upon society an unspeakable blessing.

To the question why more parents do not come when invited to witness the periodic exhibitions of the helpful exercises of their children in the various Church organizations, a thoughtful gentleman answered, "It is because of parents' implicit faith and trust in the Church." That is, they know the Church is doing well by their children, and can rest at ease at home, or spend their time elsewhere.

This may be true. But it is not the way to encourage children to good work.

It is difficult to think or speak of Mother's Day without thinking also of Children's Day. As a matter of fact, they follow very closely each other. Mother's Day is observed the second Sunday in May, and Children's Day will be observed in St. George's the second Sunday in June.

We venture a suggestion to our dramatically talented young people to get up some acceptable pageant to be given in the Church on Children's Day. Pageants are being given in many Churches these days. Pageants are very effective when well presented.

The Altar Guild of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will hold its third Corporate Meeting at the Churchwoman's Club, 134 South 22nd Street, Thursday, May 10th. The meeting will open with supper (30c) at 6 P. M., followed by an exhibition of Church embroideries, linens, vestments, etc. At 8 P. M., Quiet Hour in St. James' Church, conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Mockridge, Rector.

We trust that St. George's will be represented at this meeting by a goodly delegation from our Altar Guild.

Our Young Men's Athletic Association has improved greatly in the last few months. We have taken a few photographs of our leading gymnasts, which are posted on our bulletin board. We have recently formed a squad movement, consisting of four squads, in which the members work up gradually from the Fourth to the First. Our motto, to which every member is expected to live up to become a leader, is "Do your best."—A. & B.

To aim at leadership is a fine aspiration. The best way to attain unto leadership is to follow the leader.

Our Young People's Fellowship, at its regular weekly meeting, Sunday evening, March 25th, was honored by the presence of Mr. Parkingson, who came to visit our Fellowship. He spoke on the aims and plans of the Diocesan Fellowship. A pageant is to be given on Bishop's Day. This pageant is based upon the history of the Church from its beginning to the present day.

He spoke also of the program contest open to all Fellowships. Each Fellowship is asked to make up a program covering a year's work. The factors are to be Fellowship, Worship and Social Activities. These programs sent in to the headquarters will be examined by competent judges, and the winning Program will then be suggested to the parochial Fellowships for general adoption.

Our chief task now is to increase our membership. I sincerely hope that all the young people of our Parish will become members of this organization. This is not a small thing, but it is nation wide.

We hope to see as many as can come to be here where we resume meeting on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Our first Tuesday evening meeting will be May 1st, when our newly elected officers take office. The new officers are: Harold Bond, president; Florence Davidson, vice-president; Anna McCorkle, secretary and treasurer.—*Richard Lang.*

The regular meeting of our Church Council is on the first Monday evening of the month. All special meetings are called by the chairman, Mr. Raymond L. Millington. A full attendance is always desirable.

The Church Council is to give a Vaudeville Show, Friday evening, May 18th. Be sure to secure your ticket early.

Three one-act plays will be given in this Parish House by the Young People's Fellowship and by the Dramatic Club, respectively, on Saturday evening, May 26th.

In running over the pages of the *Literary Digest* recently, our attention was suddenly arrested by the following quotation:

"Judges tell us that boy scouts are never found among juvenile delinquents." This in itself is enough to excite the attention of anyone. But it goes on saying: "But scouting is not negative: it is constructive. . . . It is to keep alive in the American nation those basic elements of self-reliance, honor, initiative, and integrity that ever have characterized it that this great endeavor is made."

After eighteen years of scouting, the Boy Scouts of America number 625,413 in their ranks. But what is more encouraging is, the adult workers among them number 189,053.

We are proud and glad that our Troop 60 is making fast its way to the front rank of this great body, both in membership and leadership.

The next, and perhaps the most important step in the advancement of this movement, is a more visible manifestation of approval on the part of parents.

While we are on the subject of boys, we call the reader's particular attention to the last two pages, under the heading "Junior Marine Notes," made up by the boys themselves.

It is gratifying to report that for the last few months our Altar has been decorated with flowers at every service, thanks to the care of our good women. On Easter Day memorial flowers were placed also by Mrs. Didrickson, in memory of husband and son; and by Mrs. Howell, in memory of Mrs. Gainer, her mother.

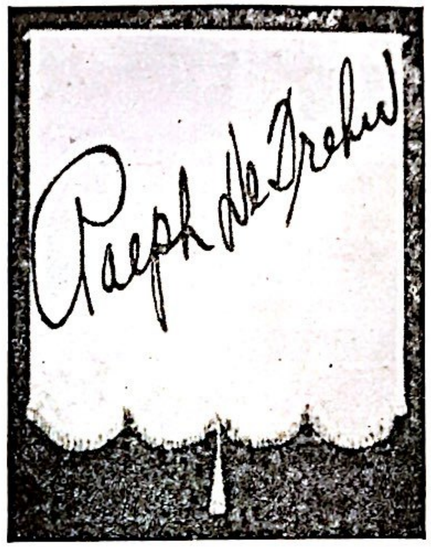
It may be of some interest to remind ourselves that long, long before Boy Scouts, and Junior Marines and Girl Scouts, and Campfire Girls, and many other kindred movements and societies with their noble mottoes and laws, the Church has been, and is now, teaching boys and girls the Catechism embodied in our Book of Common Prayer, which contains the following passage:

"My duty towards my Neighbor is To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me: To love, honor, and succor my father and mother: To honor and obey civil authority: To order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters. To hurt nobody by word or deed: To be true and just in all my dealings: To bear no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evil speaking, lying and slandering: To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity: Not to covet nor desire other men's goods; But to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, And to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me."

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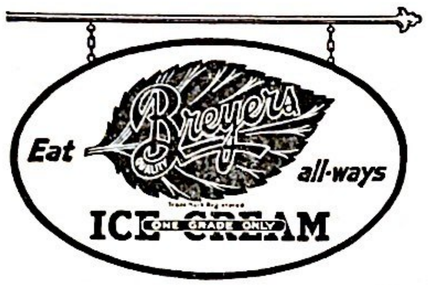
Last reported balance to be raised $75.75. Received since from Mrs. Slocum in memory of mother $5.; A. T. Barringer $5 ; Richard W. Slocum in memory of his grandmother $10 ; Mrs. M. K. Frederickson, Miss A. Kirland, and Margaret Galbraith $30.; Miss Alma Wark $5.; Miss Everdeen Thumm $1.; Miss Alice Dougherty $2. Balance to be raised $17.75

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♦ JUNIOR MARINE NOTES ♦

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We feel highly honored at having been invited by the Marine Post, American Legion, to participate with them in their Memorial Day exercises. U. S. Marine trucks will transport us to their headquarters. From there we will parade and visit cemeteries, paying tribute to the men and women who gave their all for their country.

We wound up our basketball season by playing Boy Scout Troop No. 1 on their floor at Collingswood, N. J. This game fell a little short of winning, but nevertheless we played a good game. Our 1928 team far surpassed last year's. We tackled some hard teams — teams that we would not have approached last year—but we beat them. Next on the mat comes indoor baseball, and volleyball. We hope for more victories.

On Monday evening, April 2nd, we held a special meeting, at which time we resumed our business meeting of the month previous. The meeting was attended by every active Junior Marine. The number of active members was announced, financial report, and promotions. Our future activities were discussed, which led into extensive planning for our next camp. Promotions as announced are as follows:

Sergeant to Lieutenant, Alfred Davidson; Corporal to Sergeant, W. Martin and L. Oehme; from Private to Corporal, G. Boyle, E. Farrell, J. Martin, and J. Jacobson; Private to First Class Private, L. Thulstrup, J. Mrozinski, Ralph Bartholomew, J. Kurtz, Wm. MacBride, F. Drumm, J. Snyder, C. Larson, Elmer Sutters, M. Johansen. Harry Holst and Mario Rossi were promoted to Corporals in the Signal Squad.

Steve Zolnowski is taking a severe test for First Sergeant. The meeting was closed with a request that every Junior Marine wear his uniform.

Lieutenant Iver Johnson, ably assisted by Sergeants Vaughn Nielson and Wm. Logan, are doing great work in teaching the smaller boys to signal with flags. Their splendid work is making the Signal section an important part of Company "A".

We salute Thomas Ahlers, who became interested in our Company during the winter and is now a full-fledged Junior Marine.

Captain Peterson enjoyed his visit to the Navy Yard, where our Chief, Major A. J. Drexel Biddle, is instructing a group of U. S. Marine officers in various arts of self-defense. This is the best class Major Biddle has ever had. Due to his tireless efforts, they are becoming experts in duelling with broad swords, bayonets and daggers, also in boxing and Jiu Jitsu wrestling. The most marvelous part of it is, that in all these sports, Major Biddle can more than hold his own with these husky young men.

Company "A" spent an enjoyable Saturday afternoon, April 28th, visiting the Elverson Building. There were about forty members on the tour. The courteous guide who conducted us pointed out every detail in the making of a newspaper. A photograph was taken, and a picture of our Company appeared in the paper. This was our first "Know Your City" tour; and having been so enjoyable, we hope for another soon.

Now that such nice weather is beginning, we are planning to go on educational tours. We want everyone to know that the Junior Marines are always ready to learn and also know their city. Among the places we will visit are: The Inquirer Building, Independence Hall, City Hall, Art Museum, and other places of interest throughout the city. Going on these tours will help us with our school work and also give us a broader knowledge of the noted places in Philadelphia.

We also want to remember that camping time is coming. Every Marine looks forward to going to camp for months and months, especially those who have gone the previous year. In order to go to camp this year you must attend every meeting from now on. If you are a recent member, or one who has not yet gone to camp, just ask some of us who have, and we'll be glad to tell you about the good times we have enjoyed together at camp. After hearing our stories, you will surely answer "Yes" when you are asked the question, "Are you going to camp this year?"

Corporal James Davidson.

A short time ago we requested that each Junior Marine write us a letter telling why he joined the Junior Marines and why he likes to belong to the Company. From the answers received the boys seem to realize that they are being benefited both in character and physical ability. Most of the boys have joined at the request of their parents. Their parents had seen the manly way in which other Junior Marines carried themselves, and the way they lived up to our Code, therefore they brought them around to join.

Captain Peterson: "I like to belong to the Junior Marines because there is drilling and basketball."

"I hope that I shall soon get my uniform and be able to go to Camp this summer, where we will drill outside."—*Private Elmer J. Sutters.*

Captain Peterson: "Why I joined the Marines was, I heard that Major Biddle was over there and the boys were telling me that they were going to the Inquirer Building. My friends told me what fun it was being a Marine, and they said they had a good time and learned a lot of things at meetings. I also joined because my mother said I should get out and do something like others did and not stay in every night."—*Elmer Brown.*

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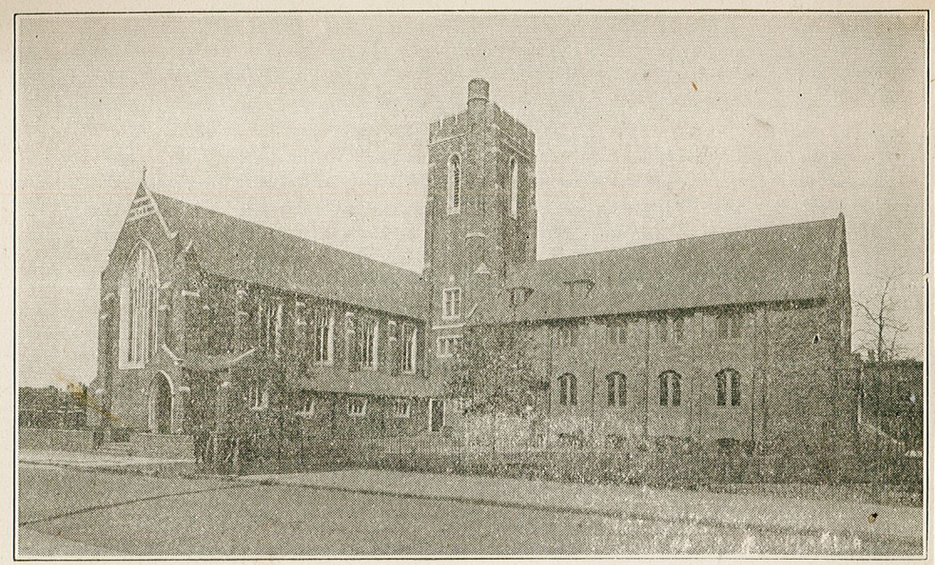
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THANKSGIVING

The following story was told by *The Credit Review,* and has been circulated in the humorous columns of other magazines:

An old Negro, down, South, handed a letter to his preacher. It was addressed to "De Lawd." It said the writer was about to lose his house because he couldn't pay interest on the mortgage; also, that he was without food and was hungry. He asked "De Lawd" to lend him $50. The preacher, taking pity on the old man, collected $42 among his friends and gave it to him. A week later the old man handed the preacher another letter addressed to "De Lawd." It said:

"Deah Lawd—I ax yoh to loan me $50 an' de preacher done give me forty-two. From now on please do business wif me direck."

This is a delicious piece of real humor touched with human sentiment that makes us laugh. It is so good that it is difficult to pass by without comment. For, like all real humor which makes us laugh, it has a serious truth lurking through it. And it is to this truth, which gives flavor and point to the story, that we wish to call your attention. The Negro and the preacher and the rest in the story are but the frame to the real picture in the centre; and this is the image in grotesque outlines of a shortcoming too common to us all —the thing of which we are so apt to fall short, namely, thanksgiving for things received. In short, it is a picture of ingratitude in caricature.

The lesson which most of us are so slow to learn fully is that it is essential to happiness to cultivate within us a sense of gratitude for the things we have given unto us; and that we can only half enjoy them without that feeling.

Ingratitude is perhaps the ugliest picture from which we all instinctively turn aside with disgust. Is not gratitude the first lesson which we civilized people are trying to inculcate in little children when in giving something to a child we keep patiently plying the question "What do they say?" until we receive the slow answer "Thaddie," or "Thank you." And this we keep up until the child learns the lesson by heart. In teaching our children this lesson, we should realize that it is not merely a lesson in good manners; but that good manners are essential to the better enjoyment of life.

But we are liable not to go far enough if we stop with the instruction of children. We should also practice the lesson ourselves. Our relation and feelings towards God, the Father, should be the same relation and attitude for the realization of which between themselves and their children parents are willing to give up almost everything. What gives more enjoyment and satisfaction to parents than grateful and appreciative children? Nor is this happiness confined to the parents only. It is doubled by that of the children also. And such is the effect on us when we cultivate and keep alive a real sense of gratitude towards our heavenly Father. It is the joy which Christ brought into human life by revealing God to man as the Father, a joy which no man or circumstance can take from us.

The virtue of gratitude towards God, like other Christian virtues which contribute to the joy of human life, is an acquired virtue, and lives only by exercise, by giving it expression in prayers of praise and thanksgiving, both private and public. For private prayer is greatly stimulated by public worship. Man's enjoyment of the things he possesses begins to be impaired when his sense of gratitude to God begins to grow dull. Therein lies the necessity of its exercise.

The use of Thanksgiving Day, like the observance of other great Days, has been found necessary to the welfare of human life by long experience. These Days have been found needful, lest we forget, to stimulate and revive within us the high ideals to which we have attained throughout the long struggle upwards of the human race. In the light of what has just been said, Thanksgiving Day ranks among our great National Days, if it is not the greatest of them all.

We therefore make our appeal to you as citizens and Christians to make it your duty as well as your privilege of joining us heartily in the proper observance of Thanksgiving Day at our Church Service, on the 24th of this month at 10.30 A. M.

Come, and bring the members of your family and your friends.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The members of our Men's Guild and of the women's committee wish hereby to express their deep appreciation of the kindly hospitality they have enjoyed at the joint love feast with the Holy Trinity Bible Class, held at the Holy Trinity Parish House, 20th and Walnut Streets, Thursday evening, October 18, through the kindness of Major Biddle, the head of that Bible Class and president of our Men's Guild.

And may we not, by the way, inform those who are interested, that the subject and free discussion of it at our Men's Guild meetings for the present is the Book of Psalms. Visitors are very welcome.

The entertainment given by our Choir for the benefit of the Church, October 13, was quite successful, in spite of the date. The net proceeds exceed a little over $30.

Mrs. Rosewarne has arranged for a Masquerade Party to be held at St. George's Parish House on Saturday evening, November 19, from 8 to 11 o'clock, for the benefit of the Church. Tickets 50 cents, including wardrobe and refreshments.

Mr. Robert G. Duncan, serving as a committee of one of the Men's Guild, has arranged for a theater party at the Allegheny Theater, Allegheny and Frankford Avenues, for the benefit of the Church. The tickets at popular prices can now be obtained through members of our Men's Guild. They are good for the dates of November 28, 29, 30 and December 1 and 2. The show for the first three dates is "Six Hours to Live," and for the last two dates, "Back Streets." Any ticket obtained from the Men's Guild is good for any of the above dates and for either of the two shows. Those who may

wish to see both shows may do so by securing two tickets. Here is an opportunity for our people to help in the raising of the special $1500 fund by the mere sale of tickets to those of their friends and neighbors who wish to see these shows. The price is the same as that paid at the ticket window. The size of the commission which the theater management allows us will depend on the number of tickets obtained through our people. The shows, we are told, are very good.

Our Church Fair, on the other hand, which we are to hold in the Parish House early in December, also for the benefit of the Church, will require some strenuous efforts on the part of our loyal workers. And its success will be assured by the earnest co-operation of all our Societies, members of our Church and friends. But remember, it is task which we are all duty bound to undertake cheerfully by reason of the hard times.

Nothing is so exhilarating than hard work for a cause you love. And there is no cause you can love with more pleasure than a righteous cause. And what cause is there that is more righteous than that of the Church which is the creation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

We assume that all parents love their children. And we therefore do not pretend to tell them what their duty towards their children is. But may we not suggest that the duty of parents towards their children is but half fulfilled if they permit them to grow up without a knowledge and practice of the Christian religion? Is it wise, is it conducive to children's welfare and to their future well-being? This thought comes to us by the unnecessary absence of too many of our children from Sunday School. We are inclined to think that we do children a grievous wrong by leaving the choice of religious education to their discretion. For what do children know what is best for them? Do we not owe them guidance until at least they become of age? We submit this proposition to your sober thinking.

In a few months the Bishop will come on his annual visitation to this Church to welcome into its closer fellowship by the rite of Confirmation those who desire to be so welcomed. We look at Confirmation as the spiritual harvest of a year's Church work of the congregation. The current notion that Church work is exclusively the work of the Minister, or Priest, is a wrong notion. The Church's work is that of the congregation who is the Church. The attraction to the Church is Christ as He is manifested in the lives and devotion of its members including the Minister. The size of the Confirmation Class, therefore (with due consideration of the conditions under which we labor), will depend largely on the Church life and Church activity of our people as well as the good sense of those who come to join them.

What St. George's Church offers to people is the way "to worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him" (St. John 4: 23); and to join us in the service of Christ Who is our Captain.

We are planning an every member campaign. To this end a joint meeting of the Men's Guild and the Women's Guild was held on Tuesday evening, November 1, under the chairmanship of our devoted friend, Major Biddle, president of the Men's Guild. This was a preliminary meeting. Other meetings will follow until the plan is completed. To the subsequent meetings, to be announced from time to time, are invited those who are willing to help in this important task. The plan in general is to have every home of our people visited by a committee of two on a given Sunday afternoon. And the object is to stir up a more general and lively interest in the Church. When the Sunday is chosen, our people will be informed of it, and will be asked to be at home that afternoon in order that no one may be omitted or passed by. With a sufficient number of volunteers well instructed the visiting should be completed in two hours.

Meantime our people are asked to pray for God's blessing upon it.

An every member campaign is not a new thing. Indeed, it is very strongly suggested in the method our Lord Himself used in His work of laying the foundation for the Church. It may differ in some details to meet our conditions; but in principle it is the same. St. Luke tells us:

"After that the Lord appointed other seventy disciples (followers), and sent them two and two before his face, into every city and place, whither he himself would come." Their task was infinitely more difficult than ours. For they were to visit the homes of strangers, and their work was that of pioneers. It is different in our case. We are sure that our "seventy" will find a warm welcome into every home they may visit. And at the same time we are are also confident that the result, as past experience has shown, will be the same. St. Luke tells us: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name." They were evidently surprised at themselves. But this is the experience of every one who does an errand for the Church and in Christ's name.

We sometimes wonder if our people fully appreciate the good work which some of our members render freely to the Church. It is impossible to overestimate the value of their service. For they are fellow workers with Christ. They are laying up for themselves treasures which will be a source of gratification to them which the world cannot give and which is everlasting. For theirs are deeds approved of God and men.

"Art little? Do thy little well; and for thy comfort know great men can do their greatest work no better than just so."—*Goethe.*

"Beware of despairing about yourself; you are commanded to put your trust in God, not yourself."—*St. Augustine.*

"The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water following hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.—*Carlyle.*

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Troop 60 of our Boy Scouts has been the guest at a comradeship meeting of the Troop at Trinity Church, Collingdale, of which the Rev. Harry E. Kaufmann is in charge, Monday evening, October 31. Our boys are praising the hospitality of their hosts. They are looking with pleasure to their return visit at St. George's in the near future.

(*Continued from Last Issue*)

If we are to be asked what is the greatest truth relating to human welfare that has ever been uttered, we should without the slightest hesitation and with deepest conviction point to St. John 3: 16: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life"; and the following explanatory sentence, "For God sent not the Son into the world to judge (pass sentence on) the world; but that the world should be saved through him."

These words, if they are read without the colored glasses invented through subsequent centuries are very plain and ring true to the average reader today as when they were first uttered. The word *world* certainly means here the people thereon, and refers to existing civilization. And the word *save* which means to bring out of danger or preserve from evil, material and spiritual, has no specific reference to life hereafter, but to life here and hereafter. A saved world here means a saved world hereafter; but the saving must begin here. And the word *believe* means here not merely a tacit consent, or verbal expression, but a deep conviction of the truth of anything. Belief in the Son of God means the acceptance of Him as sole ruler and guide in the daily conduct of mankind.

The statement quoted above then means this: that God in His compassion and love for mankind, groping stumblingly in darkness for light, and utterly helpless in its own wisdom to find its way to the real enjoyments of life, has sent His Son to show mankind the way. God did not send Him to pass sentence on it, but to save it from its own follies. It has tried every form of government, and every system of civilization, wilfully depending on its own wisdom and ingenuity, but it has failed utterly in realizing the longing of its heart, and from all appearances it will continue to fail until it accepts Christ as its Lord and Master.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing."

"Come to me, all who are laboring and burdened, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find your souls refreshed; my yoke is kindly and my burden light."

"Learn of me," that is, become my disciples. And the word *yoke* was used commonly for the yoke of instruction.

"Man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

"Let your communication be Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Or, as another version has it: "Let what you say be simply 'yes' or 'no'; whatever exceeds that springs from evil." In other words, let all your transactions be done in honest simplicity or simple honesty.

"Go ye, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of all the world."

And what are His teachings? Kindliness, truth, purity of life, forgiveness, tolerance, sympathy, humility, simplicity, love, love of God and love of neighbor.

The dominant note in His institution of the Holy Communion is "Do this in remembrance of Me." Of Him, the living Christ, the Teacher, the Master, the Lord of Lords, and the King of Kings, to be enshrined in our hearts, and never to be out of sight.

How strangely His qualifications for membership in His Fellowship, which is the Church, have in the course of time been modified and replaced by those of the world! What strange interpretations and commentaries have been piled up mountain high upon His simple primer of the Christian faith by the scribes and pharisees of subsequent centuries, culminating in the moral theology of the Society of Jesus! Is it in spite of this or because of it that the black pages of Church history are so many? They are the records of papal arrogance, lust for power, emulation in worldly grandeur, current diplomacy, excommunications, interdicts, wars, regicides, persecutions, massacres, assassinations, the Inquisition, exclusiveness, expediency, and superstition from

the effects of which Christendom has not yet recovered. Another Reformation, a bloodless one, may be necessary to bring it back to Christ.

The following citations from the moral theology of the Jesuits, which permeates the Roman Church, altogether too brief for lack of space here, may partly if not wholly explain the recent happenings in enlightened Mexico and Spain:

"Is it an offence if a person advises another to do the lesser evil so that he may abstain from the greater?" After some ingenious discussion the authority concludes that it is not. For instance, if a man be determined to commit either adultery or murder, "he should rather choose adultery than murder."

Another authority: In case one wishes to commit a serious sin, "it is right to persuade him to be satisfied with committing the lesser sin, for by this his own cause and God's are fitly protected. Consequently you do not sin."

As to the relation of Church and State, the central organ of the Jesuit Order, claiming to be "the faithful echo of the Roman See," quotes the following in its support: "The Church (Roman) is a real kingdom, the kingdom of God on earth, of which Christ is the invisible and the Pope the visible monarch. . . . It is the duty of every person to be a subject of this kingdom. . . . Every person baptized is, consequently, more subject to the Pope than to any earthly ruler. . . . The Church is not subordinate to the State, but the State is subordinate to the Church. . . . Hence it may amend and annul the civil laws and the temporal decisions of the courts if they are contrary to spiritual welfare; it may check the abuse of the executive power and of armed force, or command the use of the same when it is necessary for the defence of Christian religion. The tribunal of the Church is higher than the civil; the higher tribunal may revise the affair of the lower, but, on the other hand, the lower cannot in any way revise the affairs of the higher."

This interpretation of the function of the Church of Christ has created more atheists than the wiles of Satan could ever do, to say nothing of the millions of Protestants who in the minds of Jesuits are worse.

Another authority directs that the obligation of an oath in civil or military service" can be directly removed by the ecclesiastical authority, namely, by the power of the Pope and the bishops, or by others legally delegated in accordance with the will of the Pope."

"Time and custom," says a distinguished and reliable writer, "have tempered many things. But tolerance, religious equality and denominational peace have never found acceptance among Jesuits. The Jesuit Order regards these foundations of the modern civilized State as symptoms of decay in the structure of the Christian social order. And even at the present day (1911) wherever the opportunity offers, especially under the favorite cloak of anonimity, it still spits out poison and gall against all who are not Ultramontane Catholics.

"The present General of the Order, Francis Xavier Wernz, says:

" 'The Catholic Church undoubt-

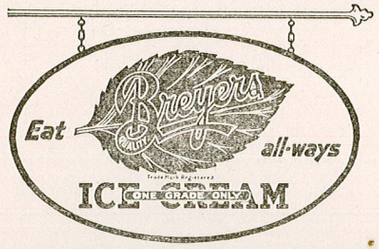
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edly considers all religious communities of unbelievers and all Christian (non-Catholic) sects absolutely illegitimate and destitute of every claim to existence. Duly baptized members of non-Catholic Christian sects are formal rebels against the Church if they obstinately persist in their errors. For through baptism they are subject to the absolute and eternal control of the Church. It is, therefore, a grave error to believe that the different Christian sects—for example, the Anglicans, Lutherans, members of the Russian Orthodox Church, etc.—are legitimate parts of some universal Church, and are, as it were, joined to the Catholic Church as sister-churches. . . . The Catholic Church alone possesses a real ecclesiastical law objectively and subjectively; what is sometime so designated in the case of other religious communities, whether of unbelievers, Jews, heretics or schismatics, is only an apparent ecclesiastical law; it is therefore not permissible to deal in one and the same book with the ecclesiastical law of Catholics, schismatics and Protestants. . . . According to Divine right, all duly baptized Catholics, schismatics and heretics are subject to ecclesiastical law, even against their wish or without their consent.'"

Another authority scorns the idea "that liberty of conscience is the individual right of every person" as perverse and absurd assertion. In this he claims to be supported by solemn decrees of several Popes. . . . "A Catholic State and a Catholic prince must always regard the denomination deviating (from the Roman Catholic Church) as an evil."

Another: "We consider it a misfortune that in the delirium for freedom of 1848 and the following years complete civil rights were bestowed upon the Jews." This must refer to Germany.

Still another: "Objectively amongst all Churches the (Roman) Catholic Church alone has a right to existence, because it alone is the true one. Consequently a Catholic government in an entirely Catholic land must not permit the public exercise of other religious creeds, otherwise it violates the right of the Church. . . . A Catholic of profound conviction and religious education, be he king, minister, mayor or rural policeman, can afford religious tolerance to no adherent of other religions; but the Catholic government may and must afford and practice civil toleration where it has become a necessity." Mark the last phrase.

And yet another: "The passing of the sentence of death upon heretics was at any rate not unjust, as the crime of heresy can only be meetly atoned for and entirely prevented from injuring the ecclesiastical and civil community by capital punishment. . . . We have seen that the ecclesiastical Inquisition cannot agree with the modern ideas as to toleration, enlightenment and humanity, but, for all that, I cry, 'Long live the ecclesiastical Inquisition!' For these ideas are not only unchristian, but also unreasonable, while the mission of the Church. which, through the Inquisition, watches over the purity of dogmatic theology and ethics, is divine and consequently independent of the spirit of the age and of circumstances." (Published in 1875.)

And yet another: "First of all the Church merely excommunicated, then imposed fines, then banished, and finally, though only under compulsion, proceeded to capital punishment. For, since heretics scorn excommunication and fines, and if sent to prison or exile, infect others, the only effectual remedy is to send them prematurely to their proper place. . . . Suarez (the chief theologian of the Jesuit Order) says it is a Catholic doctrine that the Church may punish heretics with death. . . . Heretics and apostates who previously belonged to the Church may be forced by the Church, through bodily punishment, to return to the true faith. This is what all theologians today teach in accordance with St. Thomas Aquinas." This published in 1901.

There is much more of the same kind, volumes of them. But were they multiplied by a thousand they cannot shut out the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is growing brighter with time. Should we not join in singing the Te Deum that we live in the United States in this generation?

JUNIOR MARINES

Roy Hansen's basketball team started the season with a victory. The game was a lively affair from start to finish. Lew Oehme and Walt Middleton kept the game moving at a fast pace, with Roy Hansen taking the honors for scoring. Oehme, Hansen, Bill Brown, Hamilton and Casperson were on the winning team, with Middleton, Schneider, Cottam, Sutters and Elmer Brown taking the short end. The score was 22-7.

The girls are spending an hour each week making plaster of paris plaques. The work is both interesting and instructive.

Company "E" has six new members. The girls were initiated on the seventeenth of last month.

Once a year the Junior Marines have a party, and that's on Hallowe'en. What a party! Lots of games and plenty of eats. Ice cream and candy, cakes and fruit, nuts and pretzels with cider to wash it down. Plenty of competition in the prize contests, too. Everybody had a good time. Winners in the different contests were as follows: Costumes—Doris Campbell, Ruth Schwendemann, Anna Schwartz, Irene Cook and Alma Stevenson. In the games Teddy Klimowitz was winner. Beside our regular members and officers, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Nielson and Mrs. Andersen were with us.

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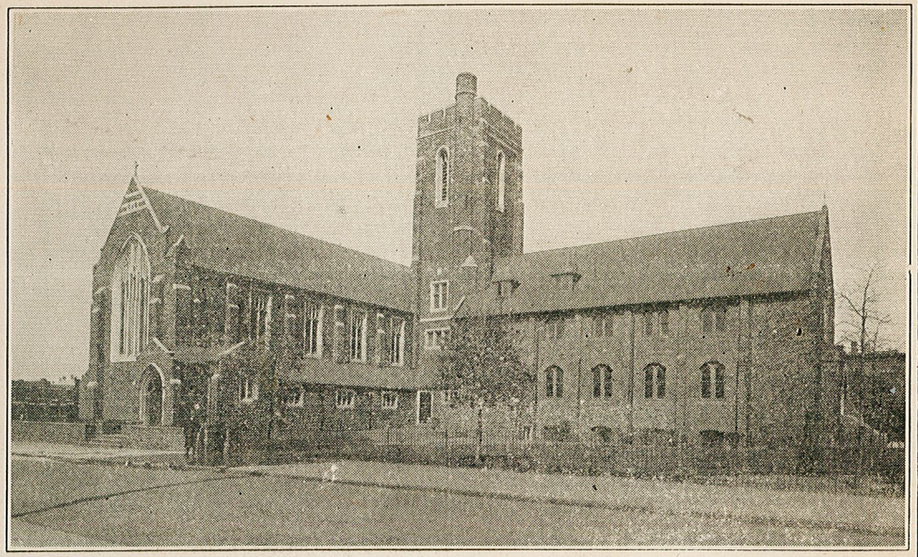
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A GRACIOUS BOW

Just exactly twenty-five years ago I had the pleasure and privilege of introducing for the first time to the congregation of St. George's Church and to many of its friends THE VISITOR which made its gracious bow in the first number of November, 1907. And on its first page appeared under the title "Salutatory" the following:

"Greeting:

"I take great pleasure in introduing to the people of Port Richmond the ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR. He has just arrived, and has come to stay with us. He wishes to make his stay with us pleasant and profitable. He wants to visit our homes once every month, and bring to our families kind greeting and cheerful news. He wishes to chat with us on the affairs of St. George's; to talk with us about the welfare of the congregation, our Sunday School children, our Girls' Friendly Society, our Brotherhood of St. Andrew, our Mothers' Meeting, our Candidate's Branch of the G. F. S., our St. George's Guild, our Collector's Guild, our Dramatic Club, and last, but not least, our Choir. He will bring us the news also of Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages and Deaths; news also of the doings of our Societies, in a word, he will keep us posted on whatsoever is going on in our parish. He will also remind us kindly of our Church services, as well as of the social work of our people. He may remind us kindly also of our obligations and duties towards God and His Church.

"I trust that ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR will be given a hearty welcome."

It is hardly necessary for me to say that throughout the last quarter of a century of uninterrupted and faithful service ST. GEORGE'S VISITOR has fully justified its existence.

In these days, however, of pressing economy, THE VISITOR has chosen to retire with the close of this year of our Lord with the same gracious bow with which it appeared twenty-five years ago on the sixth year of my ministry here. It does so without the slightest regret; but with a feeling of deep gratification that it has fulfilled its mission well; and that in dispensing with its service St. George's Church may continue unhaltingly in its progressive Christian work to the glory of God and the good of the people.

A. J. ARKIN.

ADVENT

What the sun is to physical life Christ is to spiritual life. Both have their yearly cycles. There is the civil year, a revolution of a certain period of time, which recurs again in the same order, months and seasons following in regular and unchanging succession which are arranged for convenience in a register called "Calendar" which is governed by the sun. This comprises the cycle of the civil year. It is vital to the economic life of mankind.

But just as vital to civilization, if not more so, for "It is written, 'Man is not to live on bread alone'", is the diligent observance of the Church Calendar, arranged for our spiritual life and conduct, which is governed by Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

As the sun is the source of existence and growth of the body, so Christ is the life of the soul.

So, the Church Year too, recurring again in regular succession, comprises days and seasons based upon the living Christ: the prediction of His coming on Advent; His Birth, which is celebrated in Christmas; His manifestation of Himself as the Son of God, which is observed in Ephiphany season; His Temptation in the wilderness, which is commemorated during Lent; His Suffering and Death on the Cross, which is mourned on Good Friday; His Resurrection, which is celebrated on Easter; His going back to the Father, which is commemorated on Ascension Day; the fulfillment of His promise of the Holy Spirit, on Whitsunday; and His divine teachings which are specially rehearsed during Trinity season. All these are commemoration days and seasons of worship, each with its special emphasis on some phase of our Lord's Mission in this world, articulated in Scripture lessons, prayers, hymns and sermons suitable for the occasion.

So, just as the normal accommodation of ourselves to the various seasons of the civil year tends to our growth and development materially, so the yielding of ourselves to the regular observance of the Church year tends to the progress of our well being spiritually. For by so doing we grow in the knowledge and love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thus we begin our Church Year services with the four weeks of Advent season during which we dwell devotionally on the coming of the Savior both in prophecy of the Old Testament and its fulfillment in the New. The word Advent, which means Coming, by which this season is named, is of two-fold significance. First, we are reminded of our Lord's coming on Christmas Day, suggesting the propriety of making Advent a season of preparation, that is, to set our house in order. It is a season of self-examination and introspection, giving special attention to things of the spirit by acts of devotion. By so doing we are made more ready to enter into the joy of Christmas.

Secondly, Advent means also the constant coming of Christ into our hearts. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." It calls our attention to the certain coming of the day of judgment. It also emphasizes the fact that Christianity is the religion of hope. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." The face of the Christian is always towards the rising of the sun. Faith in Christ rebukes despondency and hope triumphs over despair. For God knoweth them that trust in Him.

In consideration of the aforesaid, therefore, we urge our people to heed the call of Advent, and make it a season of prayer and worship.

CHRISTMAS

Whatever the origin and derivation of this word may be, we know that it stands for an event in history which has given an old and decrepit world a new lease of life in consequence of which the world has, barring some setbacks, grown

younger century by century for the last two thousand years, and with more hope today of being saved than ever before.

The proper name for this event is given in our Book of Common Prayer which is, The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day. It is this Birth which has wrought throughout the ages and is working today the rebirth of mankind. St. John certainly fathomed with perfect accuracy the depth of the meaning of this greatest event in human history when in his divine contemplative mood he wrote down indelibly the words: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life."

It would indeed be very strange if the heavenly hosts did not break forth in Hallelujahs, as described by St. Luke, at the event which took place in Bethlehem on Christmas morning. For, to quote Bishop Freeman:

"From that day to this latest hour, in spite of all the strivings and contentions of men, the believers and unbelievers, the faithful and unfaithful, men have said (with the shepherds of old) as these anniversaries of the birth of Christ recur: 'Let us now go even to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass.' No far-famed capital, no great center of learning, no gallery that houses the choicest of master arts, so focuses and holds the vision of men as the obscure village in which Christ was born. No matter what our individual judgments may be, no matter what influences may conspire to separate and segregate us into groups and classes, yes, no matter what our creeds may state or may not state, the influence that proceeds from the holy incidents that mark the birth of Christ makes all hearts coalesce, gives to life new meaning, inspires it with a higher purpose and compels it to deeds of nobler service."

And whose mind can grasp the full extent of cheer which has enriched, and still goes on enriching, human life with good will which flows from the event that took place on that Christmas morning? Surely it is a gift from God. For as St. James says: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights."

We trust therefore that in full appreciation of this gift our people will -come -out -gladly -with -their families and friends to pay homage to God the Giver in solemn worship on Christmas Day.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Christmas Day comes this year on Sunday. There will be an early celebration of Holy Communion at 8 o'clock; also at the 10.30 o'clock service.

Our Sunday School will celebrate Christmas Day in the Church at 2 P. M.

At the evening service, at 7.30, a beautiful Christmas pageant will be presented by our Sunday School children under the supervision of Miss Alma Wark and Mr. Hilton, our organist; and this will be followed by George Nevin's Cantata, "The Adoration," rendered by our choir.

As has been already announced, our every member canvass will take place on the first Sunday afternoon of this month, that is, December the 4th. Frankly, the object of this canvass is to stir up a more lively interest among our people in the activities of the Church, such as Church attendance, Sunday School attendance, and the extension of the work of our several societies.

We expect that every home in some way connected with our Church will be visited on that afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock by two of our messengers. We ask our people to give them a cordial reception. The summary of their efforts will be announced at the evening service at 7.30, following the canvass, to which you are urged to come.

Some people who do not know would like to know where the idea of CONFIRMATION comes from. Why does our Church practice the rite of Confirmation? And why the administering of Confirmation is confined in our Church to a Bishop?

The answer is very simple. It did not come to us from any other Church, either Roman or Protestant. It comes to us from the New Testament; not indeed as a direct command, as in the case of Baptism and Holy Communion, but by St. Luke's account in the Book of *The Acts* of an incident showing the Church's practice in the days of the Apostles. He tells us of the persecution of Christians which broke out in Jerusalem under the supervision of Saul of Tarsus (who after his conversion is known as St. Paul). And as a result of this persecution many Christians fled from Jerusalem. Among them was Philip, a Minister. And St. Luke goes on saying:

"Now those who were scattered went through the land preaching the gospel. Philip traveled down to a town in Samaria, where he preached Christ to the people. And the crowds attended like one man to what was said by Philip . . . When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they despatched Peter and John, who came and prayed that the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit. (As yet it had not fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

This is exactly what the Bishop does when he visits our congregation. Philip did not "lay his hands" on them. To do this Peter and John were sent by the other apostles. So in our Church the Minister baptizes and instructs; and the Bishop whose office is akin to that of the apostles, confirms, or "lays on his hands."

In our Prayer Book, page 296, this service is entitled, "The Order of Confirmation or Laying on of Hands upon Those that are baptized, and come to Years of Discretion."

In the same Book of the Acts St. Luke relates another incident. This time when the apostle Paul was on his missionary journey. We quote:

"It was when Apollo was in Corinth that Paul, after passing through the inland districts, came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples, whom he asked, 'Did you receive the holy Spirit when you believed?' 'No,' they said, 'we never even heard of its existence.'

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BAPTISMS

No.
1528, Nov. 6, Charles Bernard Frazier
1529, " 20, Claire Elizabeth Yeager
1530, " 20, Harry Frederick Kampf, Jr.
1531, " 20, Harry Frederick Kampf, Sr.
1532, " 20, Evelyn Gertrude Savage

MARRIAGES

No.
313, Nov. 23, { Edward Weiss
Agnes C. Bushbeck

BURIALS

No.
771, Nov. 10, Fredericka Byer
772, " 25, Howard Saybolt
773, " 28, John Wesley Pyfer

'Then,' said he, 'what were you baptized in?' 'In John's baptism,' they replied. 'John,' said Paul, 'baptized with a baptism or repentance, telling the people to believe in Him who was to come after him, that is Jesus.' When they heard this, they had themselves baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and after Paul laid his hands on them the holy Spirit came upon them."

The John referred to above is John the Baptist, the last of the Hebrew prophets, whose baptism was evidently not considered by St. Paul as Christian. But the point we wish to bring out is that St. Paul practiced "the laying on of hands," or as we commonly call it Confirmation.

That these were no isolated cases is evident from the Epistle to the Hebrews in which the writer among other things says:

"Let us pass on then to what is mature, leaving elementary Christian doctrine behind, instead of laying the foundation over again with repentance from dead works, with faith in God, with instruction about ablutions and the laying on of hands, about the resurrection from the dead and eternal punishment."

"Laying on of hands" evidently by the time of this writing was well established in the early Church.

We have given this information both for the benefit of those who have been confirmed as well as those who are considering the acceptance of Confirmation as administered in our Church.

The Bishop expects to visit this Church on the morning of February 5, the fifth Sunday after Epiphany. Meantime we shall begin our Confirmation class meetings for young people on Wednesday evening, December 7th, from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Altar flowers were placed November 13 by Mrs. Moffett in memory of her aunt, Fredericka Byer; on Thanksgiving day by Mrs. Kirland to the glory of God on her recovery from a serious illness. November 27, by Mrs. Saybolt in memory of her son, Howard.

Due to the unfavorable existing conditions it has been thought best, by common consent, not to give a Church Fair this year; but to try to raise the needed funds for the Church in various other ways either by individuals or groups.

For instance: Mrs. Robert Wark, who is a master in the art of pastry, will hold a pie and cake sale in the basement of the Parish House on Saturday, December 10th.

Mrs. Rosewarne has promised to give a Kaffee Klatch, etc., in the Parish House, on Wednesday, January 4.

We trust others will, either individually or in cooperation with their friends, find some way of raising some money for the Church to meet its needs which are pressing hard.

Cash donations will, of course, be very acceptable.

In addition to our Sunday School Christmas festival to be held in Church on Christmas Day at 2 P. M., our Sunday School teachers have kindly arranged for a Christmas party, exclusively for the pupils of the Primary and Beginners' departments, to be given on Friday after Christmas, December 30, at 7 P. M., in the Parish House.

Our Thanksgiving offering this year which goes towards the support of the Episcopal Hospital, so far as we know at this writing, will amount to nearly $40 which we think speaks exceedingly well for the spirit of giving of most of our people in the face of so much pinching due to unemployment.

"It may be true," said Roy L. Smith, "that we have less to live on than we had a year ago, but we have just as much to live for."

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In His Sermon on the Mount our Lord says: "In praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father, etc."

These two words really imply all the other following petitions, brief and comprehensive as they too are. They flow naturally from our recognition of God as our Father. It is the basis of all Christian prayer. It is the rock of the Christian religion. For it is Christ who has revealed to us God as our Father. He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it suffices us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father: Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me."

It is Christ also who revealed us to ourselves as being children of God. In the words of St. Paul: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the

spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." It is this relation between God and man that Christ came to establish. It is the very substance of the New Testament. It is the Christian religion. Christ has made our free access to God direct and immediate, removing all existing barriers, as is the access of children to their father; and as He "hath taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father." This idea of our relation to God is also emphasized by the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews: "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Whatever expediency or human wisdom may dictate, it is quite plain that the New Dispensation of Christ our Savior has no room for any earthly mediators between God and men. We are taught plainly by Christ Himself to carry our petitions to "Our Father who art in heaven." And the high priest of the Old Dispensation has been replaced under the New Dispensation by the "great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus Christ the Son of God."

It ought to be clear to any one who reads the New Testament side by side with Church history that "the whole ultramontane Catholic system of orders, with its vows and its special state of an order, must be designated as a departure from Christianity and a distortion of its religious outlines, this general verdict applies also (with more emphasis) to the Jesuit Order. Indeed, it applies specially here, for the Jesuit Order has peculiarities which are reprehensible even from the Catholic standpoint.

"Its blind obedience, its 'Statement of Conscience,' its system of espionage and levelling, its training to denunciation, its misuse of confession, and many other peculiarities, are immoral institutions which Catholic Christianity too should repudiate, and in former times would doubtless have repudiated. That the Jesuit Order, which came into being in the sixteenth century, was not so repudiated, that, on the contrary, its Constitutions, though abounding in such immoralities, were approved by the Popes, is a proof to what extent at that time and, indeed, much earlier, the Papacy and Church were infected and dominated by Ultramontanism."

Ultramontanism, by the way, means the recognition of the papal claim of supremacy over all national churches and sovereigns; and since 1870, including also the dogma of papal infallibility, for the fortification of which the Jesuits gave themselves foremost. But the Scripture saying, "By their fruits ye shall know them," condemns the Jesuit Order as a religious institution.

Thus a prominet French writer, in 1893, after commenting on the failure of the Jesuits to achieve any

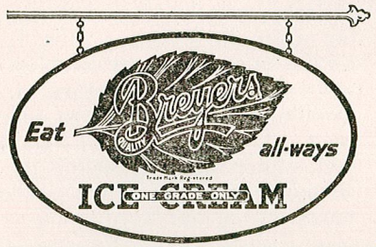
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lasting results in their missions to the heathen, and their efforts to check the spread of Protestantism, asks this question: "What is the cause of this failure of so much apparent success? I may be mistaken, but it seems to me that Jesuitism was nowhere a true religious awakening, a revival of sincere piety, which alone could have supplied a lasting foundation for its work." In regard to the revival of pious works, to be attributed to the influence of Jesuit confessors, he asks: "But did the overwhelming influence they attained lessen or even check the loose morality of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries? Must we not rather say that immorality made way in these very classes of the population which were trained in their schools? Strangely enough, it was the very generation that was trained up by the Jesuits which rose against them and procured their suppression."

And certainly, as we have seen, Jesuit morality has not been of that Christian type which would justify the claim of martyrdom of the saints for that Order.

As a matter of fact, "the Jesuit Order, stands before us as the embodiment of a system which aims at temporal political dominion through temporal political means, embellished by religion, which assigns to the head of the Catholic religion—the Roman Pope—(or Pope-God) the role of a temporal overlord, and under shelter of the Pope-King, and using him as an instrument, desires itself to attain the dominion over the whole world."

There is not the least fraction of religion in the propaganda, for the ultramontane Papacy. It betrays rather the passion for power and lust for dominion which is an inherent human weakness, and from the consequences of which our Lord undoubtedly sought to save us by His emphasis on "Our Father who art in Heaven."

This lust for power and dominion is quite evident in the measures of violence, even by blood and iron, in the main the efforts of the Jesuit Order, in seeking to re-establish the authority of the Pope-God of the Middle Ages in ages more enlightened. The result of this has been, and still is, the beclouding of the meaning of "Our Father" as contemplated by our Lord.

And what of the incessant quarrels of the Jesuit Order with other religious organizations within the Roman "fold?" Do they not spring from the same greed for power?

The Jesuit Order may be very useful to the Church, for it is a machine of which the members are its parts, and is run by an engineer. It is for this very reason therefore most dangerous for State and Religion, whose life springs from moral and intellectual independence of men.

To quote again from a scholarly author: "The Jesuit Order works by fascination—that is the right word to use. And this gives it one of the most effective means for the maintenance and increase of its influence. Sober consideration certainly deprives the Order of the false adornments and pretended glory with which it has surrounded itself. Unfalsified history presents it as an organization injurious to religion, politics, society, and civilization, which endeavors with inconsiderate egotism to make mankind serviceable to its selfish ends, and is directed towards their material exploitation and intellectual suppression." And he concludes his Chapter on the "General Verdict on the Jesuit Order" as follows:

"The Jesuit Order is an international organization which most profoundly and skilfully, in hundreds of disguises, excavates religion and State, knowledge and civilization, in order to fill the gap with its own spirit. And this spirit is a spirit of lust and power, of lying and deceit, of immoderate self-seeking, of greed for the possessions of mankind, and even more for their freedom and independence — the spirit of irreligion and anti-Christianity."

This is the verdict of Count Paul von Hoensbroech, a member of one of the oldest families of the German Roman Catholic nobility, who at the age of 26 left his home, the castle of Haag, to enter the Jesuit Order for the peace of his soul, being deeply religious; and left it fourteen years later, having found the Jesuitic atmosphere stifling his honest and sensitive soul more and more as he came to know more intimately the inner workings of the Order. His book "Fourteen Years a Jesuit," published in 1911, is most interesting and enlightening.

It is the story of an honest soul seeking light through darkness, and finding it in the religion of Jesus Christ.

JUNIOR MARINES

The girls and boys are working together in an effort to bring their drilling up-to-date. The greater part of their meetings each week is devoted to practice in drill formations. Both boys and girls are saving a portion of their spend money toward the purchase of new uniforms.

With Christmas but a few weeks away, the girls are engaged in making all kinds of small novelty presents.

Last Monday marked the beginning of an attendance contest held between the two companies. Absence, late attendance or misbehavior will be the three main don'ts of the contest.

The boys spent a full hour and a half of steady drilling last week. They practiced the old stand-bys for a while, but conquered them easily. The new formations were quickly mastered and the drill was pronounced the best for many a week.

The last three basketball games of "A" Company gave Hanson's team two games and Brown's one. The game on the twenty-first was the best of the three. The score was thirteen to seven in favor of Brown's team. The game was fast from the first whistle. Both a referee and an umpire were utilized, making the game clean and comparatively free of fouls. Although Hanson did little scoring, Harold Casperson played a much better game.